



General Meeting Agenda

July 17, 2022

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

I Call to Order and Introductions (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)

- A. This month's meeting is being held both at our regular Brentwood Community Center meeting room and on Zoom for the convenience of those unable to attend in person. Our next meeting will take place on August 21.
- B. All Zoom Attendees have been muted.
- C. If joining via Zoom, please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
- D. At the end of the presentations, our speaker will take a few questions. (Use Chat or click Reactions and Raise Hand.)

II Minutes for June (3 minutes)

- A. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Motion _____ 2nd _____

III Agenda Review (3 minutes)

- A. Any changes to the agenda:
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion _____ 2nd _____

IV Shannon Skinner – President (5 minutes)

- A. Update

V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President (3 minutes)

- A. Update on Future Presentations.
 - 1. August – Candidate endorsement forum!
 - 2. Members are invited to suggest speakers they'd like to hear or issues they want discussed, e.g., enhanced teaching of civics in our schools; update on issues that arose during the past school year having political implications; development plans in Brentwood area.
 - 3. Suggestions from members?

VI Today's Guest Speaker: 2:30 – 3:00

Susana Williams, 1st Vice Chair of DPCCC, will speak to us about DPCCC's preparation for the midterm elections. She will also discuss current issues of importance to all of us as the election approaches.

VII Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland (3 minutes)

- A. **2022 Membership – 91 Members as of June 1** (Number will be updated for July when Linda returns from vacation.)
 - 1. That was up from 79 members as of June 2021.
 - 2. Now is the time to increase our membership! Try to bring at least one new person to our August meeting.

June (not yet updated for July)

Renewing Members

Joan Budne
Ted Elwell
Brenda King-Randall

New Members

Elinor Bell
Amelia Payton
Fernando Sandoval

3. Ways to join — Credit card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products> or Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416) or Check sent to Thuy DaoJensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513
- B. Renewing Members become Members in Good Standing and may vote as soon as dues are paid.
- C. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.

VIII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (5 minutes)

- A. Update on Farmers’ Market – We have all needed volunteers for the remainder of July. We will contact the membership by email regarding volunteer needs for August.
- B. Postcard/Letter Writing –
 1. We’ve written **300 postcards** for the Center for Common Ground, for the Florida Primary, to get people ready for November – Mailing August 2nd
 2. We’ve written or committed to writing nearly **4,000 letters** to Swing States so far and are concentrating on places Swing Left has identified as critical: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin. The goal is to increase participation of historically underrepresented communities and Democratic leaning voters in midterm elections. The letters will all be stored and mailed on October 29, 2022.
 3. We’ve written **200 postcards** for Swing States (Nevada, Georgia, Arizona, Pennsylvania, or Wisconsin) — Mailing October 19th
 4. Linda is holding letter and postcard writing parties at her home every other Wednesday from 10:00 am to noon. The next postcard party will be on August 3rd.
- C. Register to Vote in Contra Costa County at www.Cocovote.us
- D. See website for helpful list of Joe Biden’s accomplishments, prepared by Linda Smith.

IX Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (5 minutes)

- A. Swing Left update and introduction of Tom Dowling, Swing Left representative for Pennsylvania, who will talk about critical races in PA.
- B. Please consider doing a bit more during these critical final months before the November election. We need every current member (and as many new members as possible) to be fully engaged in the effort to preserve our democracy!
- C. We are helping Josh Harder campaign in Discovery Bay and Byron and would welcome your help!
- D. Please speak with Doug if you can participate in any of the following election-related trips we are planning:
 1. **Reno:** Register University of Reno students to vote (and then spend the evening having Reno-style fun).
 2. **Las Vegas** (late October): Canvas in Las Vegas to get out the vote (then have another evening of fun – this time, Las Vegas style).
 3. **Tucson** (late October/early November): Join the “Souls to the Polls” effort to get out the vote.
 4. **District 8 in Scranton, PA** (late October): This canvassing trip offers the added advantage of seeing the beautiful fall colors there.

X Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (5 minutes)

- A. Meetings first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. Next Meeting – Sat. August 6, at 11:30 am via Zoom.
- B. The Fact Sheet on Gun Control is posted on the website, and the committee is continuing its work on that issue, which has attracted so much additional concern and activism because of the massacres in Buffalo, Uvalde and Highland Park.

- C. **Good news from Sacramento:** The State legislature has passed, and Governor Newsom has signed the following important new gun control laws:
 1. **AB 1594**, establishing firearm industry accountability;
 2. **AB 2571**, prohibiting the gun industry from marketing firearm-related products to minors;
 3. **AB 1621**, further regulating ghost guns;
 4. **AB 2156**, cracking down on the manufacture of firearms (including by 3D printing) by unlicensed persons; and
 5. **SB 1327**, allowing private individuals to sue people who illegally make or sell assault weapons or ghost gun parts, or who sell guns to those under 21.
- D. In addition, the California legislature is working to pass SB 918, which would improve the State's concealed carry law in response to the US Supreme Court's recent opinion in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, in which the Court ruled that New York State's concealed carry law violated the Second Amendment.
- E. Although proposed California AB 1223 (which would have imposed excise taxes on the purchase of guns, gun parts and ammunition) was defeated earlier this year by gun rights advocates, it has been reintroduced as AB 1227 and is currently pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- F. Update on other issues the Committee is working on, including enhanced teaching of civics in our public schools. Can you help? We'd love to have you join us!

XI Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

- A. Several recent and important postings on Facebook regarding news and calls to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at marshcreekdems@gmail.com

XII Precinct Task Force Update – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

- A. Precinct Captains – Carolina Villaseca, Linda Smith, Thuy DaoJensen, Doug McClelland, Audrey Wright, Troy Christensen, Jennifer Baker, and Gary Chambers
- B. Precinct Captains and Buddies are needed for all our cities.

XIII Treasurer's Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial
Statement
June 6 - July 3, 2022**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of June 6, 2022:	\$ 3,869.55
10-Jun-2021	CHECK deposit of (4) membership dues	\$80.00
	Total INCOME	\$ 3,949.55

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1062	Website domain renewal, envelopes, postage stamps	\$209.53
	Total EXPENSES	\$ 209.53

BALANCE as of July 3, 2022: \$ 3,740.02

XIV Secretary's Report – Connie Harden

- A. Any questions about Minutes of June meeting? They've been emailed to members. I apologize for not including the meeting's start and end times and will do so in the future.
- B. If you haven't been watching the U.S. House of Representatives hearings on the January 6 insurrection, I urge you to do so. The new information that is emerging is a shocking call to action to every Democrat or other citizen who cares about the preservation of our democracy and Constitutional protections. The next hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st.
- C. Each one of us can help by informing voters, getting new MCDC members, writing letters and postcards, putting up signs, distributing doorknob hangers, etc. Now is a critical time to act, since the election is just over 3 months away. There is much to do, and you can help, whatever your skills or interests. Talk with your friends who aren't yet members of MCDC. Tell them about your reaction to the House hearings and your concerns about the November election, and invite them to join us. Be ready to discuss President Biden's many successes in office, and the obstacles he currently faces that are completely outside his control. Be informed, and share what you learn.

XV For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions) (3 minutes)

- A. Zoom chats have resumed and take place at 10 am on the 4th Saturday of each month.
- B. At our June general meeting, Bill Randle commented on the excellent Netflix program "Who We Are," which examines the lives of Black people in America and our history of slavery and racism. Many of us who have watched it since then have found it to be an honest, compassionate, and engaging film, and so we want to reiterate the viewing suggestion.
- C. Report by Elected Officials in attendance.

XVI Adjournment