



General Meeting Agenda

May 15, 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.
- 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.
 - 1. Use Chat, or click Reactions and Raise Hand.

May
Renewing Members
Jocelyn Baker
Ben Kellogg
Angela Lowrey

New Members
Phil Arnold
Tamish Torres Walker

II Minutes for April (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
- B. Recap results of MCDC endorsement meeting in April

V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President (3 minutes)

- A. Update on Future Presentations
 - 1. We are looking for a June speaker to talk about the likely overruling of Roe v. Wade.
 - 2. Update on the Enhancements to EC Fire Protection Capabilities – Yolanda has spoken with Brian Helmick and he has agreed to speak (Summer – maybe July).
 - 3. Members are invited to tell us about speakers they'd like to hear or issues they want discussed.

VI Today's Guest Speaker: 2:30 – 3:00

East Contra Costa County Mental Health Issues – Gigi Crowder, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Contra Costa, will speak on area efforts to address the mental health needs of residents and the unhoused.

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

A. 2022 Membership – 88 Members as of May 1

- 1. 78 Members as of May 2021
- 2. Now is the time to increase our membership! Try to bring at least one new person to our June meeting.

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 their dues are paid.
- C. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.

VII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (5 minutes)

- A. **Update on Farmers’ Market** – We need more volunteers to sign up for two-hour blocks, beginning at 8:00 am and going to noon. Republicans have sometimes been taking our usual spot at the Farmers’ Market, so we need to get there early. We’ve been putting out handouts for Floy Andrews, Diana Becton and Ben Therriault.
- B. **Postcard/Letter Writing** –
 1. 1250 letters to Swing States so far. We 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 Mid-Term elections. The letters will all be stored and mailed on October 29, 2022. Vote Forward’s goal is to have over 10 million letters ready to go on October 29th. Just let me know what state you are interested in.
 2. Postcards form Center for Common Ground – We are waiting for them to identify more states to write postcards.
- 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.

VIII Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (5 minutes)

- A. Swing Left Update: Next Wine Barn meeting will be on May 19 (2:30-4:30). This will be a gathering of like-minded friends to chat, visit, discuss politics and/or write letters to Swing States. With all that is going on, we thought it would be fun to commiserate, plan and just talk. Wine and treats will be provided!

IX Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (5 minutes)

- A. Meetings first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. Next Meeting - **Sat. June 4** at 11:30 am via Zoom.
- B. We have sent a letter in support of AB 1223, which would impose an excise tax on the sale of gun ammunition, to Assembly Member Levine.
- C. The Fact Sheet on Gun Control has been posted on the website.
- D. Update on issues the Committee is focusing on now that gun control fact sheet has been finalized.

X Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

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

XI 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.

XII Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)

Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer’s Financial Statement

April 4, 2022 – May 1, 2022

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of April 4, 2022:	\$ 3,826.73
5-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (2) membership dues	\$38.54
8-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
11-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (2) membership dues	\$38.24
11-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (2) membership dues	\$47.65
12-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
22-Apr-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
	Total INCOME	\$ 4,008.52

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	Total EXPENSES	\$ -

BALANCE as of May 1, 2022: \$4,008.52

XIII Secretary’s Report – Connie Harden

- A. Any questions about Minutes of March meeting? They’ve been posted on the website.
- B. 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! No matter what your skills or interests, we have a place for you and invite you to participate.

XIII 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. Report by Elected Officials in attendance.

XIV Adjournment