



**New 2023 Members:**  
Wanda Turner  
Betsy Ehrenberg  
Richard Ehrenberg

## **General Meeting Minutes** **August 20, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Conducted via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

- I Call to Order and Introductions** (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes) 2:02 pm
- A. **Zoom:**
1. All Zoom Attendees will be muted
  2. Please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
  3. To ask questions: Raise Hand
- II Minutes for May** (3 minutes)
- A. Motion to Adopt July Minutes: Motion CV 2<sup>nd</sup> LS approved by acclimation
- III Agenda Review** (3 minutes)
- A. Any changes to the agenda?
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion CV 2<sup>nd</sup> VT approved by acclimation
- IV Shannon Skinner – President** (5 minutes)
- A. General update: All MCDC committees are looking for additional help
- B. Shannon is building a fund raising committee and if anyone is interested, please let her know.
- V. Upcoming Activities:** (3 minutes)
1. Josh Harder 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends and Family Barbeque – 8/26
  2. Roosevelt Dinner – 8/24
  3. Who We Are – MCDC Event – 9/6
  4. Mark DeSaulnier Annual Reception – 9/8
  5. Stand Down the Delta 2023 – 9/8 – 11
  6. Oakley walk to Prevent Suicide – 10/7
  7. East County NAACP Freedom fund Dinner – 10/9
- VI. Carolina Villaseca – Vice President** (3 minutes)
- C. Upcoming Speakers:
1. September – Stacey Plaskett, Congresswoman from U.S. Virgin Islands – member of the January 6<sup>th</sup> committee
  2. October – Monica Wilson, Four Term Antioch Councilwoman and candidate for State Assembly District 15
  3. November - Open
  4. December – Holiday Party
- D. If you have a person who would like to come and speak to our club, please contact Carolina Villaseca at (216) 570-1270 or mcvillaseca@yahoo.com
- VII. Today’s Guest Speakers** – (15 minutes)

## Lori Wilson, California State Assembly Member

### V **Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair (3 minutes)**

- A. To date, we have 85 members.
- B. Dues are \$20 \$10 for students
- C. 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. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.

### VI **Voter Outreach: Linda Smith (5 minutes)**

- A. Farmer’s Market Update – Thanks to Joe Ely and Doug, Liz Fuller, Tamela Hawley, Sue Higgins and Suzanne Cook for staffing our booth.
  - 1. We need help from August 26<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> – Shift is 8:00 am – 11:15 am.
  - 2. Liz Fuller is chairing the volunteer signup
  - 3. Ray Cole has volunteered to save our spot at 7:30 each Saturday.
- B. Letters and Postcards for November Election – Virginia – All 100 House of Delegates and 40 State Senators up for election. To date, we have 1500 postcards/letters ready to send out.
- C. We sent 620 letters to get people out to vote in Ohio for the August Election to defeat the Republican led constitutional change for 50% to 60%. Votes against the measure won by 14%. This allows the proposition which would allow abortion in Ohio to be on the ballot.
- D. We have received donations of \$280 for stamps.

### VII **Webmaster – Joe Ely [www.MarshCreekDems.org](http://www.MarshCreekDems.org) 3,122 Visitors this year**

- A. Three upcoming events are advertised on our webpage:
  - Josh Harder Barbeque, August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Roosevelt Dinner, August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Who we Are, September 6th

### VIII **Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair – E-mail Ray at [raycole6s@outlook.com](mailto:raycole6s@outlook.com) to join the committee**

- A. Update We have 3 members – responsibilities have been divided up – Dr. Roberts – Educational issues- culturally relevant teaching. Ray – LGBTQ issues Carolina – DEI issues. We have divided up attending school board meetings.
- B. Gun Terminology - review for non-gun owners so their credibility is not hurt when they use terms incorrectly. Mini-tutorial.

### IX **Precinct Chair – Gary Chambers**

- A. The effort this month was to send out emails about Who we Are. About 5-10% of the email addresses on the voter rolls are inoperative. He spent a lot of time updating voter rolls and removing those addresses. He is looking at getting a commercial email program but some have an anti-spam component and some people would consider our emails as spam.

### X. **Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair (3 minutes) – Saturday, September 2nd 11:30 am**

- C. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. The
- D. Topics for Development – Basis for recommendations.
  - 1. Voter suppression
  - 2. Zoning and Growth
  - 3. Ethics Rules for Courts

4. Gun Control- Bill reported that he and Carolina are going to attend the gun show in Antioch the next weekend in order to get an understanding of what goes on there and with the goal of advocating to the County to ban gun shows. They will report back to us.
5. Civics in the Classroom
6. Poverty in Contra Costa County
7. Infrastructure of Climate Change
8. Political Homelessness

**XI. DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director (3 minutes)**

- B. Monica Wilson is running for AD 15 to replace Tim Grayson who is running for the Senate seat. Marisol Rubio is also running against Tim Grayson for Senator Glazier seat.
- C. Happy News: As reported on the Rachel Maddow show, the GOP parties in Minnesota, Colorado, Michigan and Arizona are all broke. I hope people keep sending their money to Trump and not to their State parties. Trump keeps appealing cases he has no chance of winning, so his PAC is also burning through money like crazy. With the state coffers low, we have more of a chance to elect democrats at the State and local levels.
- D. County: Builders are coming to the county for housing projects on county land requesting waivers on the density bonus so as to reduce the overall number of affordable units. Lumped in these waivers are reductions to green space and parking. The Board of Supervisors need to push back on builders to build as many affordable units instead of giving waivers to minimize affordable units and maximize builder profits.
- E. Back to School: Please keep an eye out on who is attending school board meetings. We’ve had religious bigots show up and demand a seat at the table to dhave say in crafting all curriculum. It starts with removing Pride followed by slavery, the Holocaust, Middle Eastern, indigenous, AAPI and Latino contributions to our culture ending with a completely whitewashed curriculum. Please vet all your schoolboard candidates. They have realized that they have a better chance of winning as Dems. We don’t need another Mary Knox

**IX Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee (3 minutes)**

- A. **Contact Carolina at** (216) 570-1270 or [mcvillaseca@yahoo.com](mailto:mcvillaseca@yahoo.com).
- B. We are continually posting important items on Facebook regarding news and calls to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at [marshcreekdems@gmail.com](mailto:marshcreekdems@gmail.com). Check our Facebook page often for our frequent updates, and post your comments and “likes” whenever you can!

**X Swing Left – Doug McClelland (5 minutes)**

- A. Update – They are still planning to host a registration event on constitution day next month at Los Medanos College
- B. They are continuing with letter writing.
- C. We need to be vigilant and talk to neighbors and continue with letter writing, phone banking, etc.

**XI MCDC Movie Event – Co-Chairs Don Smith and Bill Randall (5 minutes)**

- A. **Who We Are – A Chronicle of Racism in America**
- B. **September 6, 2023 from 6:30 to 9:30 – Trilogy Clubhouse**
- C. Movie Trailer [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY)
- D. Movie followed by discussion led by Bill Randall
- E. Thank you to Debbie Randall for donating the Flyer Design
- F. Tickets - \$12 - We are limited to 100 attendees
- G. Event Costs \$900 – Room Rental - \$400 + Movie License - \$500 for 5 showings
- H. To Buy Tickets
  - (1) Credit Card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products>



- (2) Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416)
- (3) Check sent to Thuy DaoJensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513
- (4) Cash at our meetings

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

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement  
July 3 - August 6, 2023**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of July 3, 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 2,956.91</b>
3-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: donation	\$145.35
7-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit membership and (2) movie tickets	\$42.12
10-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (2)	\$23.00
10-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (2)	\$23.00
14-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: (2) memberships, (2) movie tickets	\$61.54
17-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (3)	\$46.00
17-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (4)	\$34.35
18-Jul-2023	CASH deposit: (1) movie ticket	\$12.00
24-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (2)	\$22.70
24-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (2)	\$23.00
26-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (4)	\$45.70
28-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (1)	\$11.35
31-Jul-2023	SQUARE deposit: movie tickets (2)	\$23.00
1-Aug-2023	CASH deposit: (2) movie tickets	\$24.00
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,494.02</b>

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1085	Domain, rental, stamps, envelopes	\$712.58
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$712.58</b>

<b><u>BALANCE as of August 6, 2023:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,781.44</u></b>
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**XIII By-Laws Changes – See Attached**

A. Vote to accept by-law changes: Motion \_\_CV\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_EB\_\_ Motion Passed by acclimation

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

A. Yolanda shared that one of the trustees has moved out of the area and resigned from the board – that position will need to be filled. August 23 they will have a public meeting on how to plan to fill this position. If you know of good candidates, please feel free to let them know.

B. Jovita –

**XV Adjournment 3:55 pm**