



<p><b>New 2023 Members:</b>  Michiko Anthony  Andy Leandro</p> <p><b>Renewing Members:</b>  Micha Morris-Silveria  Lisa Woerner (2024)</p>
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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Room and Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

**I. Call to Order and Introductions** (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes) 2:03 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 August** (3 minutes)

- A. Motion to Adopt ~~September~~ August Minutes: Motion CV 2<sup>nd</sup> EB by acclamation

**III. Agenda Review** (3 minutes)

- A. Any changes to the agenda?
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion CV 2<sup>nd</sup> EB by acclamation

**IV. Shannon Skinner – President** (5 minutes)

- A. General update: All MCDC committees are looking for additional help

**V. Upcoming Activities:** (3 minutes)

- A. December 17<sup>th</sup> – MCDC Holiday Party
- B. Mac and Cheese Fundraiser – January 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 at Brentwood Community Center Tickets from \$20 each
- C. DPCCC is having pre-endorsement forum for Board of Supervisor, State Assembly and State Senate on Thursday October 19th at 7:00pm. ZOOM link: <https://contracostadems.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d425e3355b19b3275c41eaf3b&id=eef16cbf9e&e=f43ae335c6>
- D. John Garamendi for Congress’s Rosie the Riveter Lunch -Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in Richmond. The event will be hosted at a venue overlooking the bay and include an optional tour of a WWII museum. The events will be on Saturday, November 4th from 11:30 to 1:30 in Richmond and tickets can be purchased at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/garamendi11.4.2023>

**VI. Carolina Villaseca – Vice President** (3 minutes)

- A. Upcoming Speakers:
1. October – Monica Wilson, Four Term Antioch Councilwoman – Update on Antioch and the nonpolice 24 /7 response program.
  2. November – John Garamendi
  3. December – Holiday Party
  4. April – Ellen McDonald – Defense Attorney
  5. May - Mom Demands Action -
  6. Still Trying to get Katie Porter and Adam Schiff for Jan and Feb
  - 3-7. March – She is trying to get Tony Thurmond

- B. 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](mailto:mcvillaseca@yahoo.com)

**VII. Today's Guest Speaker – (15 minutes)**

**Monica Wilson,  
Four Term Antioch Councilwoman and Candidate for State  
Assembly District 15**

(Update on Antioch and the nonpolice 24/7 response program.)

[See Below](#)

**VIII. Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair (3 minutes)**

- A. To date, we have 89 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. 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.

**IX. Voter Outreach: Linda Smith (5 minutes)**

- A. Farmer's Market Update – Thanks to Suzanne Cook, Carolina, Carole Main, Liz Fuller, Diane Alexander and Ray Cole for staffing our booth.
  - 1. We always need help– Shift is 8:00 am – 11:15 am.
  - 2. Liz Fuller is chairing the volunteer signup
  - 3. Ray Cole saves 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, **3300** have been prepared!!

**X. Webmaster – Joe Ely [www.MarshCreekDems.org](http://www.MarshCreekDems.org) 3,122 Visitors this year 3580**

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

- A. We have 3 members – responsibilities have been divided up – Dr. Roberts – Educational issues Ray – LBGTQ We have divided up attending school board meetings. Carolina - DEI

**XII. Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair (3 minutes) – Next Meeting is Saturday, November 4, 11:30 am**

- A. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.
- B. Issues Survey – Working on a survey – hopefully it will be out by November -focus for next year.

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

- A. We had 6-8 white supremacists call in to the Brentwood City Council meeting. The meeting came to a stop and public comment via ZOOM was suspended and only in person comment was allowed. We only had one agenda item left. This also happened in Walnut Creek and in San Francisco. It's a coordinated effort to intimidate and stifle public comment. I call our Chief of Police to loop him in with ADL/FBI investigations and called/texted city council people in my district to give them a heads up. Thank you to Walnut Creek Council Member Kevi Wilkes for his experience with this terrible wave of anti-Semitism.
- B. E-mailed all Democrats in the Byron School System for find a candidate to apply for the vacancy by Board Member, Lucy Rodriguez, who was the only Dem on the school board.
- C. Recommended Justin Brown for the vacancy on the Liberty board. The form board member was a Republican.

D. Anjali Rimi, Council Member Tamisha Walker and Velma Wilson will be given Women of the Year Congressional Commendations by Rep. John Garamendi in a ceremony on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am which will broadcast live. I will post a link when available or look on his FB page. [There is a link on his FB page to a recording of the ceremony.](#)

E. Debra Vinson was honored with the Health Award by East County NAACP at their annual gala on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

[E.F. Day of the Dead Ceremony](#)

**XIV. 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

[XV.—Swing Left – Doug McClelland \(5 minutes\) – Update 540 letters for Virginia. Plan for the future – we are trying to register voters in Josh Harders District. The Joe and Kamala stand up was donated to Lodi Democrats Club. He went to Los Medanos College Constitution Day to register voters. He encourages all to get involved. Go to \[swingleft.org\]\(http://swingleft.org\) to join.](#)

[XVI.XV.](#) Elections Chair, Valerie Thurston

A. MCDC Elections January 21<sup>st</sup> for President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer

[XVII.XVI.](#) By-Laws Changes Second Reading – Valerie Thurston: Vote (Members only) See Attached [Motion to accept the by law changes: BC Second CV – passed by acclamation](#)

[XVIII.XVII.](#) New Business [Elinor – Chop Wood Carry Water two points of action free newsletter](#)

[XIX.XVIII.](#) Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer (5 minutes)

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer’s Financial Statement**

**September 4 – October 1, 2023**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of September 4, 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 2,890.12</b>
19-Sep-2023	Membership dues (1)	\$20.00
19-Sep-2023	Movie tickets	\$18.00
19-Sep-2023	Donation	\$5.00
20-Sep-2023	Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,952.24</b>

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Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
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1089	Room rental (2024)	\$53.00
1090	Room rental (Jan. 14, 2024)	\$53.00
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$106.00</b>

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

**XX.** Dr. Rozzana Verder – Aliga is running for State Senate She talked to us about her qualifications.

**XXI.** Adjournment 3:58 pm

Monica Wilson updated us on Human Trafficking:

- There are two types: Sex and Labor
- It is a crime that happens right in the open

When not doing work on city council she works with a nonprofit, Love Never Fails – which is an anti-human trafficking organization that does outreach, search and recovery:

- They have seven safe houses in Alameda County
- They work throughout the Bay Area.
- She is currently their Senior Program Manager and she oversees their search and recovery area.
- The organization currently has a memorandum of understanding with CCC Family Services.
- In CCC they currently have 15 cases – 14 young women and 1 man – Most of our cases involve people who have been caught up in human trafficking or dangerously close to being lured into the trafficking world.
- Most of our cases are foster children in CCC.
- We meet individuals where they are at – with them and their family to get that our of the life and make sure they have success.
- We do things like get them to school and some fun things.
- They make sure the County is seeing the cases through and that they have the resources that they need.
- She also oversees the Dream keepers Initiative – a program that is out of San Francisco (20 cases of young men and women).
- She works closely with Diana Becton office with her human trafficking task force in CCC.
- Illegal Massage Parlors are bringing immigrants and trafficking them.

City Council:

- Police Reform started in 2020 – started police reform - mental health response team (MHRT), hiring.
- Texting scandal case is still ongoing. Most individuals are on administrative leave and some have been terminated.
- MHRT – She ran on this – not all calls need a police force – response team is called in instead made up of professional mental health workers.
- She visited Portland to see how their MHRT works. It has been going on now for several years and has been successful.
- MHRT is up and running in Antioch.
- Other ongoing issues in California – rent, housing and anti-harassment.

She is now running for State Assembly this year.