

## General Meeting Agenda

June 26, 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 July meeting will take place on July 17 (a return to our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday schedule).
- 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.

<p><b>June</b></p> <p><b><u>Renewing Members</u></b></p> <p>Joan Budne Ted Elwell Brenda King-Randall</p> <p><b><u>New Members</u></b></p> <p>Elinor Bell Amelia Payton Fernando Sandoval</p>
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### II Minutes for May (3 minutes)

- A. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

### III Agenda Review (3 minutes)

- A. Any changes to the agenda:
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

### IV Shannon Skinner – President (5 minutes)

- A. Update

### V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President (3 minutes)

- A. Update on Future Presentations
  - 1. We hope to have a July speaker on the likely overruling of Roe v. Wade.
  - 2. Members are invited to tell us about 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

**Update on East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District** – Brian Helmick, Chief of the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, will provide an update on recent enhancements to EC Fire Protection capabilities.

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

- A. **2022 Membership – 91 Members as of June 1**
  - 1. That's 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 July 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 volunteers for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 to 11. Otherwise, we are full up for all of July.
- B. Postcard/Letter Writing –
  1. We’ve written **300** postcards from the Center for Common Ground, for Florida Primary to get people ready for November – Mailing August 2<sup>nd</sup>
  2. We’ve written **3500** 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 Mid-Term 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 19<sup>th</sup>
  4. Beginning on Wednesday, July 20, Linda will be holding letter and postcard writing parties at her home every other Wednesday from 10:00 am to noon.
- C. Register to Vote in Contra Costa County at [www.Cocovote.us](http://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

**IX Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (5 minutes)**

- A. Meetings first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. Next Meeting – Sat. July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 and Uvalde.
- D. 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!

**X Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

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

**May 2, 2022 – June 5, 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of INCOME</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>BALANCE as of May 2, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 4,008.52</b>
2-May-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
23-May-2022	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,046.76</b>

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Description of EXPENSES</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1061	Postcards, Envelopes	\$177.21
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 177.21</b>

**BALANCE as of June 5, 2022:      \$ 3,869.55**

**XIII Secretary's Report – Connie Harden**

- A. Any questions about Minutes of May meeting? They've been posted on the website.
- 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.
- 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, even though the election is over 4 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.
- D. In April, our speaker Paula Hawthorn told us about the work she was doing to plan a gun surrender event (called "Guns to Garden Tools") in Oakland. The event took place in June and was a great success. The Oakland police participated enthusiastically, and 131 guns (including several assault

rifles) were collected. Each person surrendering a gun received a gift card worth between \$100 and \$300, depending on the type of gun they brought. Some funds remained from the contributions collected, and Paula looks forward to a repetition of the event next year. In the words of Nancy Pelosi, **“We don’t agonize, we organize!”**

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

- A. Zoom chats have resumed and take place at 10 am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.
- B. Report by Elected Officials in attendance.

**XIV Adjournment**