



General Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2022

Conducted via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

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

- A. This month's meeting is being held on Zoom to facilitate member voting during the Candidate Endorsement Forum, which will follow the speaker's portion of the meeting. Next month, we plan to resume in-person meetings, with a Zoom option. Our regular reports will be brief today because of the endorsement process.
- B. All Attendees have been muted.
- C. 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.

Renewing Members

Chuck Carpenter
Terry Eldridge
Liz Fuller
Larry Pepper
Amelia Payton
Rand Payton
Bonnie Tucker

New Members

Jane Gorman
Marc Gradstein

II Minutes for February

- 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

- A. Update
- B. Endorsement procedure is outlined in Section XV

V Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President (1 minute)

- A. Update on Future Presentations
 - 1. **May 15:** 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.
 - 2. Update on the Enhancements to EC Fire Protection Capabilities – Yolanda will contact Brian Helmick (Summer – maybe July).
 - 3. Ben Therriault – Running for County Sheriff – Wait until Endorsement Forum in August or September.

VI Guest Speaker: 2:20 – 2:50 (Introduced by Connie Harden)

Paula Hawthorn is a retired former executive, usually at tech startups. She earned her PhD at UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 1979 (and was the first woman to accomplish that). She began volunteering for Democratic candidates when she saw John Kennedy on the Jack Paar show in 1960. She has continued her political and community volunteer activities, especially now that she is retired. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the Oakland/Alameda County Chapter of the Brady Campaign. Please welcome Paula, who will speak on current efforts of the Brady Campaign.

- VII Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland (1 minute)**
- A. 2022 Membership – 76 Members as of April 3**
1. 75 Members as of April 2021
 2. 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.**
- VIII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (1 minute)**
- A. Brentwood Farmer’s Market at Bank of America Corner most Saturdays**
1. Volunteers needed – 8 to 11
- B. Postcard/Letter Writing –**
1. We are writing postcards were sent to encourage Black voters to vote in the May Primary.
 2. Letter writing to Swing States is continuing.
- IX Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (1 minute)**
- A. Swing Left Update**
- X Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (2 minutes) – Meetings first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.**
- A. Next Meeting - **Sat. May 7** at 11:30 am via Zoom
 - B. New issue – support for AB 1223, which would impose excise tax on sale of gun ammunition.
- XI Communications – Carolina Villaseca (1 minute)**
- A. Posting on Facebook regarding important news and call to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at marshcreekdems@gmail.com**
- XII Precinct Task Force –Carolina Villaseca (1 minute) Update**
- A. Precinct Captains – Carolina Villaseca, Harry Thurston, Linda Smith, Thuy DaoJensen, Marcita Enis, Doug McClelland, Audrey Wright, Troy Christensen, Jennifer Baker, and Gary Chambers
 - B. Precinct Captains and Buddies are needed for all of our cities.
- XIII Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)**

Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer’s Financial Statement

March 7, 2022 – April 3, 2022

Payments Received			
Check #	Name on Checks	Notes	Amount
VENMO	Terry Eldridge	2022 dues	\$20.00
SQUARE	Larry Pepper	2022 dues	19.12
CHECK	Amelia & Rand Payton	2022 dues & donation	50.00
CHECK	Mark Gradstein & Jane Gorman	2022 dues	40.00
SQUARE	Elizabeth Fuller	2022 dues	19.12
Total			\$148.12

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1060	Renewal of PO Box 521	91.00
Total Expenses		91.00

Balance as of April 3, 2022: \$3,826.73

- XIV Candidate Endorsement Forum (102 minutes total, after introductory comments and including transition time between candidates)**
- A. MCDC Endorsement process
1. Following a brief introduction, each candidate seeking MCDC endorsement for the June 7 primary will give a 2-minute statement regarding his or her qualifications and reasons for running for office.
 2. A member of the Endorsement Committee will then ask that candidate two questions, based on questions from the membership, and the candidate will have two minutes to answer each.
 3. Following the questions, each candidate will have two minutes to close.
 4. Following the presentations and questions for each office, the membership will vote to endorse one of the candidates or to vote no endorsement. A vote not to endorse a candidate for a given office means that:
 - (a) the member does not support any of the candidates for that office;
 - (b) the member likes both or all the candidates equally; or
 - (c) the member does not wish to endorse one Democratic candidate over another before the primary, as he or she will support any Democratic candidate in that race.
 5. Candidates will make their presentations one at a time, while the others remain in the Zoom waiting room.
- B. **Office of US House of Representatives for California’s 8th Congressional District**
1. Congressman John Garamendi (staff member Bradley Bottoms will speak on his behalf, as Congressman Garamendi is out of the country on business of the Congressional Armed Services Committee) (13 minutes, total)
 2. Cheryl Sudduth (13 minutes, total)
 3. **Membership vote (3 minutes)**
- C. **Office of County Assessor:**
1. Floy Andrews (13 minutes, total)
 2. Gus Kramer (13 minutes, total)
 3. **Membership vote (3 minutes)**
- D. **Office of County Clerk**
1. Devin Murphy (13 minutes, total)
 2. Kristin Connolly (13 minutes, total)
 3. Vicki Gordon (13 minutes, total)
 4. **Membership vote (5 minutes)**
- E. **Office of Sheriff**
1. Ben Therriault
- F. **Office of County Superintendent of Schools**
1. Lynn Mackey

XV Adjournment