

General Meeting
March 17, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6304966072?pwd=ZGVhZkZlYVYUQWFMRYUjEzZWpNMzZlbnRlcj09>

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Agenda Review**
 - a. Any changes to the agenda.
 - b. Approve Agenda: Motion _____ Second _____ Approved by acclamation _____
- III. Approve Minutes of February General Meeting**
 - a. Approve Minutes: Motion _____ Second _____ Approved by acclamation _____
- IV. Carolina Villaseca – President**
 - a. For April meeting will schedule a 30-minute viewing of, “Dying to Vote” by Loki Mulholland with an additional 30 mins after for Q&A and discussion. April report-outs will be suspended until the May meeting.
 - b. No election results were presented since polls were not closed. We will likely know by the March meeting. If no candidate wins outright tonight, then there will be a run-off in November.
 - c. I will be offering a class on the following:
 - i. How to send e-mails to support our endorsed candidates.
 - ii. How to write a letter to the editor
 - iii. How to write to City Council
 - iv. How to write to the BUSD School Board
 - v. How to call into City Council
 - vi. How to give public comment at school board and city council meetings
- VI. Ian Cohen – Vice President (not present)**
 - a. March - Erin Levine - Composting
 - b. April - Ellen McDonnell, CCC Public Defender – Dying to Vote Video
 - c. May - Moms Demand Action, Michelle Sinnot Petersen
 - d. June through Nov are currently open. Planning to talk to Mark Foley for a BART update in June.
 - e. Dec - Accomplishment party!
 - f. If you have a person who would like to come and speak (speaker aligns with democratic values and the goals of the club) to our club, please contact Ian Cohen at (510) 650-6444 or via email: ianscohen@hotmail.com
- VII. Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair**
 - a. Membership stats: 68 members as of 3/11/2024; 22 new and renewing since the Feb meeting. Welcome to Beverly Brown, Joan Budne, Susan Burseson, Lynn Champion, Colin Coffey, Betsy Ehrenberg, Julie Elam, Barbara Freitas, Sue Higgins, Micha Morris-Silveira, Rand Payton, Marisol Rubio, David Shaeffer, Sarah Shaeffer, Jennifer Storm-Alves, Karen White, Susana Williams, Monica Wilson, Barbara Wozniak, Greg Wozniak, Audrey Wright, and Judy Zuckert.
 - b. Outreach efforts: Reviewed 2023 membership list and found 57 who had not renewed. Sent emails to all 57 of which 24 answered with renewals. Searching for individual(s) interested in expanding MCDC outreach efforts.
 - c. Continue to update interest forms -received 24 updated forms from new/renewing members. Updated lists of interested people have been sent to Board officers and committee chairs.
 - d. Membership dues of \$20 (\$5 for students) runs 12 months from January 31 to February 1 of the following year. After joining, new members must wait 30 days to be able to vote on any official MCDC business such as election of officers, changes to bylaws, and candidate endorsements. Renewing Members in Good Standing may vote as soon as dues are paid. If you are not a registered Democrat you are considered an Associate Member and are welcome to participate in any aspect of the Club; however, you may not vote on official MCDC business.
 - e. Three 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.

- VII. Mac & Cheese Fund Raiser: Linda Smith**
- a. Power Point will be shown to highlight the results of the Mac & Cheese Fund Raiser.
 - b. 2nd Annual Mac & Cheese Cook-Off – Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Brentwood Community Center. To enter the competition, e-mail MarshCreekDems@gmail.com
- VIII. Voter Outreach: Linda Smith**
- a. Postcard/Letter Writing for Swing States starting NOW
 1. Postcards for Virginia and Georgia for state primaries to increase turnout and solve voter problems before November ballot. Letters mailed May 1, 2024.
 2. Letter Writing for November Elections in Swint States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania has begun. Letters are due October 1, 2024.
 3. Postcard/Letter Writing Parties will be held on Tuesdays March 19th and 26th April 2nd and 16th and then change to Wednesday's May 22nd, June 5th, June 19th, June 3rd, July 31, Aug 14, 28th.
 4. Contact Linda at lismithtech@gmail.com for an appointment to make postcard sample or to pick up letters.
- IX. Farmer's Market – Help staff our booth on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon at the corner of 1st and Oak in front of Bank of America. Email marshCreekDems@gmail.com to volunteer.**
- X. Webmaster – Joe Ely**
- XI. Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair**
1. Ray Cole will reach out to the members who expressed an interest in this committee. The Social Justice Committee, for now, will focus on:
 - Supporting school boards as needed on LGBTQ issues/curriculum
 - Reach out to LGBTQ organizations to form supportive relationships
 - Continue the book reviews to educate our membership.
- XII. Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair**
- a. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.
 - b. Next meeting is Saturday, April 6th, 11:30 am. If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at billnusbaum13@gmail.com.
 - c. The Issues Committee has been hard at work developing materials to activate the key findings from the 2024 Issues Survey, which was Protecting Democracy!
 - Fact Check: Performance in Managing the Country's Economy Trump vs Biden - one page that we would like to make into a poster for the Farmer's Market table, as well as send out as noted above. This document was most liked save a few corrections.
 - Saving Democracy - a PowerPoint presentation on 2 critical Congressional bills. I'm sending 2 versions a pdf & a PowerPoint for those who may not have MS Office. May change this to a Word Doc.
 - Voting Democratic Up & Down the Ballot - a piece that seeks to show the importance of voting Democratic.
 - What Voting Republican Will Get You - a longer piece to educate on what Republicans want to do if they are in power based on the Heritage Foundation Project 2025
 - Your Action Now - a reprise of the piece we made back in 2022.
- XIII. DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director**
- a. Since the meeting isn't happening this month, there is no update.
- XIV. Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee**
- a. Please show our beautiful website and FB page to 3 friends.
- XV. Swing Left – Doug McClelland-**
- a. Working on getting more people involved. Effort to put hangers out there. Will start writing letters or post cards this month.
 - b. Act Blue fund-raising page is up. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/blueprint-marsh-creek-victory-fund> Doug created a drop down and people can customize what they want to give. When we put this out, we can suggest what should be given to each area. Can be updated monthly. Want a

resolution to adopt this and put it out to all democratic voters in the East County. Carolina motioned to accept Doug’s proposal, and Bill seconded. Accepted by acclamation.

- c. Pushing for Josh Harder’s district, which currently has a Republican incumbent. Good chance to flip it. Doug has been canvassing there and will continue. Also, he will go to Reno where there is a worry about the Reno senator. Did 500 doors last election; hope to do a lot more.

XVI. Treasurer’s Report– Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer

Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer’s Financial Statement February 7 to March 5, 2024

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of February 8, 2024:	\$ 5,040.10
6-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
9-Feb-2024	CHECK deposit of (1) membership dues	\$20.00
15-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$212.72
16-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$144.75
16-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$76.48
19-Feb-2024	CASH deposit of (1) membership dues	\$20.00
19-Feb-2024	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
19-Feb-2024	City of Brentwood refund	\$250.00
20-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.66
20-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
23-Feb-2024	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
26-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
26-Feb-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
28-Feb-2024	CHECK deposit of (3) membership dues	\$60.00
	Total INCOME	\$ 6,038.19

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1105	WIX renewal	\$396.99
1106	P.O. Box 521 renewal, 5 postage stamps	\$94.40
1107	Rozzana Verder-Aliga (Endorsed candidate)	\$50.00
1108	Shanelle Scales-Preston (Endorsed candidate)	\$100.00
1109	Monica Wilson (Endorsed candidate)	\$100.00
1110	Marisol Rubio (Endorsed candidate)	\$100.00
	Total EXPENSES	\$841.39
	<u>BALANCE as of March 5, 2024:</u>	<u>\$ 5,196.80</u>

XVII. For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions)

XVIII. Adjournment