



New 2023 Members:

Sue Swackhamer
Stephanie Williams-
Rogers

Renewing Members

Marsha Brown
Collin Coffey
Suzanne Cook
Walter Cook
Jane Gorman
Marc Gradstein
Rand Payton
David Shaeffer
Sarah Shaeffer
Barbara Wozniak
Greg Wozniak

General Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Conducted In-Person and via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

- I Call to Order and Introductions** (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)
 - 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 March and April** (3 minutes)
 - A. Motion to Adopt March Minutes: Motion ____ 2nd ____
 - B. Motion to Adopt April 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** (5 minutes)
 - A. General update: All MCDC committees are looking for additional help
 - B.
- V Carolina Villaseca – Vice President** (3 minutes)
 - A. Upcoming Speakers:**
 - 1. June – Dr. Sara Levin, Contra Costa Deputy Health Officer on women’s reproductive rights
 - 2. July – Cheryl Sudduth, regarding participation on Environmental panel, Susannah Day of Giving
 - 3. August – Lori Wilson, California State Assemblywoman
 - 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
- VI Today’s Guest Speaker** – (15 minutes)
 - A. **Tim Grayson, California State Assemblymember from the 15th District**
- VII Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair** (3 minutes)
 - A. To date, we have 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.
- VIII 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.
 - B. June 20th Virginia Primary next

C. Website www.MarshCreekDems.org – 2386 Visitors this year

1. Website Editor Needed - Linda will train

IX Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair – E-mail Ray at raycole6s@outlook.com to join the committee

A. Committee is just forming and setting priorities

X Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair (3 minutes) – Saturday, June 3rd 11:30 am

A. Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am. The

B. Topics for Development – Basis for recommendations.

1. Voter suppression
2. Zoning and Growth
3. Ethics Rules for Courts
4. Gun Control
5. Civics in the Classroom
6. Poverty in Contra Costa County
7. Infrastructure of Climate Change
8. Political Homelessness

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

A. **Contact Carolina at** (216) 570-1270 or 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. Check our Facebook page often for our frequent updates, and post your comments and “likes” whenever you can!

XII DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director (3 minutes)

A. Attended the groundbreaking of the new TK-8 school in Brentwood as part of the citizens Measure B oversight committee. The school will open for the 2024/2025 school year for TK-5 grade. The junior high is TBD

B. Organizing parents to name the school after Mr. Bill Harms. He volunteers thousands of hours at Pioneer El, Friends of the Brentwood Library, the Brentwood Rotary Club and the Village Community Center

C. Attended multiple school board meetings to help residents organize with redistricting.

D. Brentwood City Council Report

E. I’m working with residents to help support Vice Mayor Susannah Meyer and Councilmember Jovita Mendoza.

F. Antioch is still working through the blowback of the FBI investigation. Mayor Thorpe, Vice Mayor Torres Walker and Councilperson Wilson have hired personal security due to death threats.

G. Continuing to find/meet with potential candidates in District 3 to ensure candidates understand what they are running for, start to get known in their districts, and keep track of moving pieces like Glaser’s court case to see if he can run again. That will set off a domino effect of candidates deciding what to run for.

H. I attended the ribbon cutting the launch of the city’s first 24/7 non-police mobile crisis response team. It is being called the Angelo Quinto Community Response Team. Proposed by Councilwoman Monica E. Wilson in 2020, the Antioch mobile crisis response team is the first of its kind in Contra Costa County and one of only a few 24/7 city programs in the Bay Area. The program will cost \$1.8 million annually and initially will be paid from \$3.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act monies the City Council allocated for it last April. Headed by the Felton Institute of Alameda, the team will relieve Antioch police from nonviolent, non-life-threatening, low-level calls that they normally would answer.

(1) In attendance: Mayor Thorpe, Vice Mayor Torres-Walker, Council Member Wilson, Dr. Jag AUSD, Antonio Hernandez AUSD, Pat Young Water District, Debra Vinson ECCD, Gigi Crowder NAMI, Rep for Garamendi, Rep for Grayson, Rep for Wilson, Katie Ricklefs DPCCC.

(2) Missing: Council Members Barbanica and Orgorchock, BoS Diane Burgis and Federal Glover.

I. Knightsen has decided to put a ballot measure to dissolve their Town Advisory council. This was formed to deal specifically with flooding and drainage. They passed a bond of \$50/parcel but they only have 600 parcels. They have no staff and cannot provide the services they were created to provide. The hearing is taking place in June 12th @ 2:00pm.

XIII Swing Left – Doug McClelland (5 minutes)

A. Doug will be discussing the increased danger of trump/authoritarianism and again discussing Swing Left plans for the upcoming 18 months. Please consider what you can do to save/restore American Democracy

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

XV Brentwood Community Center Movie Event – Co-Chairs – Don Smith and Bill Randall (5 minutes)

- A. On hold due to COST of facilities and licensing
- B. Movie Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGsGRSgZbXY>
- C. Movie followed by discussion led by Bill Randall
- D. Suggested donation - \$10 – \$ 15 - \$20
- E. Costs

Location	Capacity	Hourly	# of hours	Cost	Movie License	Total
Brentwood Community Room	150	\$130	3.5	455	495	\$ 950
Trilogy Event Center	100		3	400	495	\$ 895
AMC Theater	300		3.5	\$1,200	495	\$ 1,695

- F. School rentals are even more due to custodial charge after hours \$170 to \$230(Theater)
- G. AMC theater tickets cost \$1979 for Adults and \$1829 for Seniors
- H. Other ideas
 - (1) Shannon will look into downtown theater (when it will open and be available).
 - (2) Another suggestion was Shadow Creek event center. Pruitt Ranch Community Center on Lone Tree was also suggested.
- I. Possibly move it to the Fall.

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

XVII Adjournment

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer’s Financial Statement
April 3 - May 7, 2023**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of April 3, 2023:	\$ 3,095.03
6-Apr-2023	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
12-Apr-2023	SQUARE deposit of (2) membership dues	\$38.54
14-Apr-2023	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
4-May-2023	VENMO deposit of (8) membership dues	\$160.00
4-May-2023	Donations from VENMO	\$180.00
	Total INCOME	\$ 3,532.69

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	Total EXPENSES	\$0.00

BALANCE as of May 7, 2023: \$ 3,532.69