



## General Meeting

February 18, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Link: <HTTPS://us02web.zoom.us/j/6304996072?pwd=ZGVhcBZYVVUrQWFMRVd1MEZ5anNMdZ09>  
Password: Orange

- 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 January General Meeting**
    - a. Approve Minutes: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by acclamation \_\_\_\_\_
  - IV. **Carolina Villaseca – President**
    - a. **Upcoming Events**
      - i. Endorsement Forum – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – invite will go out 2/6/2024; each speaker will have 5 minutes.
        1. CA Assembly AD 15 – Monica Wilson
        2. CA Assembly AD 11 – Lori Wilson
        3. CA Senate SD 3 – Rozzana Verder-Alliga
        4. CA Senate District 9 Marisol Rubio
        5. Board of Supervisor District 5 –Shanelle Preston Scales
      - ii. Precinct Walks for Monica Wilson – See Agenda Item XIII for details.
    - b. **Democratic National Convention:**
      - i. When/Where: August 19-22, 2024 – Democratic National Convention will be in Chicago.
      - ii. How: Those wishing to attend may apply for 6 delegate spots for Contra Costa County. The California Democratic Party will be accepting and processing applications to become a delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. <https://cadem.org/democratic-national-convention/>
      - iii. Cost: No cost to attend except personal travel, hotel and food, which is borne by attendee. Delegates are obligated to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention (**August 19-22, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois**). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the California Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention, nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The estimated costs of attending are: Airfare \$400-\$800; 5 Hotel nights \$1500; Food/incidentals \$500; Total: \$2400-\$2800.
- V. **Ian Cohen – Vice President**
  - a. **Upcoming 2024 Speakers to date:**

**January** - Collin Coffey, CCC Parks

**February** - Loki Mulholland – Award-Winning Documentarian and Author – Son of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, original Freedom Rider during the civil rights movement. Will speak on, “Dying to Vote.”

**March** - *Looking for someone to speak in March. Ian reached out to Susan Hurl from the Republic Services Waste Management and is waiting for a response.*

**April** - Ellen McDonnell, CCC Public Defender

**May** - Moms Demand Action, Michelle Sinnot Petersen

**June** through Nov are open at this time.

**Dec** - Accomplishment party!

- b. 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](mailto:ianscohen@hotmail.com)

## **VI. Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair**

- a. We have 46 members for 2024 so far. I'd like to remind 2023 members that now is the time to renew. If you haven't yet renewed, you will have received an email reminder with an "interest/involvement" form attached. No matter how long you've been involved, please complete this form (only 1 page!) and send it back, so I can bring our records up to date. If you're one of our 600+ supporters, we'd love to have you officially join us!
- b. January 18 through February 7, 19 individuals joined or renewed.
  - i. New member: Vern Schultz
  - ii. Renewing members: Diane Alexander, Chuck Carpenter, Barbara and Gary Chambers, Barbara and Bob Coffman, Ian Cohen, Joe and Kathy Ely, Luci Flynn, Mark Foley, Liz Fuller, Dominique King, Clifton Louie, Carole Main, Bill Nusbaum, Don and Linda Smith.
- c. Membership dues of \$20 (\$10 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.
- d. Three ways to join --- credit card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products>, or Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416), or check sent to Thuy Dao Jensen/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.

## **VIII. Voter Outreach: Linda Smith**

- a. Local Postcards for MCDC endorsed candidates- Postcard writers will be notified after Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
- b. Postcards & Letters to Swing States start in May 2024.
- c. Farmer's Market Outreach results: 242 of our 600 supporter names were collected from the Brentwood Farmer's Market, which Marsh Creek Dems staff on Saturdays, 9 am to 12 noon unless rain or super cold.
  - i. Do come visit us if you are at the Brentwood Farmer's Market. We are in front of Bank of America.
- d. We have many opportunities to make phone calls to prospective votes. I am happy to be a buddy to anyone who wants to call. Calling is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most effective way to reach votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> only to knocking on doors.

## **IX. Webmaster – Joe Ely-**

- a. In process of reviewing the committee pages.

## **X. Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair** – Carolina will be meeting with Ray to discuss goals for this committee. Banned book reviews will be on our website.

## **XI. 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, March 2nd, 11:30.
- c. If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at [billnusbaum13@gmail.com](mailto:billnusbaum13@gmail.com).
- d. Working on communications materials advocating why Democrats must win the Presidency, Senate and House seats. Should be available in late February or early March.

**XII. DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director**

Precinct Walks:

- a. Saturday February 10th at 10 am – DPCCC scheduled canvass in Downtown. Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, meet in the lobby at 10 am. Candidates Lori Wilson (CA Assembly District 11), Monica Wilson (CA Assembly District 15) and Rozzana Verder-Aliga (CA Senate District 3) will join us!
- b. Saturday February 10th at 10 am – Canvass for Shanelle Scales-Preston for Contra Costa County Supervisor in Hercules. Location to be determined.
- c. Sunday February 11th at 10 am – Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Brentwood – Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, meet in the lobby at 10 am.
- d. Saturday February 17th & Sunday February 18th at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Antioch. Meet at Williamson Ranch Park parking lot, Lone Tree Way & Hillcrest Ave., Antioch.
- e. Saturday February 24th & Sunday February 25th at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Concord. Meet at Starbuck's in Dana Plaza, 4125 Concord Blvd., Concord.
- f. Saturday March 2nd & Sunday March 3rd at 10 am - Monica Wilson for CA Assembly canvass in Concord location to meet TBD.

**XIII. Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee**

- A. Send MCDems Facebook link to 3 friends who are not members.

**XIV. Swing Left – Doug McClelland:** Trouble connecting with blueprint people. Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 2/8. Can use “Swing Left” to donate to Victory Fund. Lathrop needed help, Doug canvassed there. Josh Harder area in Contra Costa County will be canvassed as well. *Boosting Biden* page will be added to General Meeting Agenda because that goes to all our members. Doug will send to Joe for consideration on the club website.

**XV. Treasurer’s Report (See below) – Thuy Dao Jensen, Treasurer**

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement  
January 8 - February 6, 2024**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of January 8, 2024:</b>	<b>\$ 1,773.43</b>
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$260.67
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$105.91
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.66
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$115.62
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$67.37
8-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$236.99
8-Jan-2024	VOID check #1091 (donation to MCDem from Shannon)	\$83.53
10-Jan-2024	CHECK deposit of (2) membership dues	\$40.00
10-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$193.00
12-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
16-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$75.25
16-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$1,829.76
16-Jan-2024	CASH & CHECK deposit of Mac & Cheese event	\$970.00
22-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.36

22-Jan-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$95.90
29-Jan-2024	CASH deposit	\$87.00
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,087.69</b>

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1101	Supplies for Mac & Cheese, 2-year WIX renewal	\$626.14
1102	Food for Mac & Cheese	\$135.43
1103	Supplies for Mac & Cheese	\$75.56
1104	HUB International Insurance	\$210.46
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,047.59</b>

**BALANCE as of February 4, 2024:                      \$ 5,040.10**

**PAYMENT RECEIVED**

Check #	Name on Checks	Notes	Amount
9706	Walter & Suzanne Cook (2024 membership)		\$ 40.00
	Nicole Cook (Mac & Cheese ticket)		\$ 20.00
CASH	Chuck Carpenter membership, \$7 donation		\$ 27.00
CASH	Carol Main		\$ 20.00
CASH	Kathy & Joe Ely		\$ 40.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 147.00</b>

**XVI. For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions)**

**XVII. Adjournment**