



DPSFV Executive Board

Monday, February 1, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. AGENDA

M/S/P to approve agenda. Passed unanimously.

II. MINUTES

Damian's father-in-law passed away so he is out of town for the funeral. We will approve the January minutes at the March meeting.

MSP to waive reading of minutes

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

March 6: Constitutional Candidates Forum. Possible venues: IATSE or Valley College Monarch Hall. LACDP has offered to cosponsor, reaching out to clubs to sign on and promote. Ruben Zaragosa is speaking with Mission College about a second round in the afternoon/evening. The candidates have been invited pending finalization of time and location. Bruce is arranging for media.

Sharon is circulating a petition for an initiative to save the state parks. Would add \$18 to the car registration fee and would allow California residents free access to the parks.

Sheldon is circulating the signatures-in-lieu petition for Congressman Sherman for the June primary ballot.

This is going to be a hard election cycle. We need volunteers to energize the base. LACDP is producing videos. We showed one video with Michael Steele saying that the Republicans aren't ready to lead. They are planning on a total of 5 videos, costing \$20-25K each, \$5000 in Internet advertising, \$7500 in cable ads.

Motion: Allocate \$5000 for the LACDP videos.

Moved by Kess Kessler, seconded by Shanna Ingalsbee.

Amendment to motion: Allocate \$15,000 for videos.

Moved by Rosemary Jenkins, second by Ilene Haber. Ayes: many. Nays: 4. Amendment passed.

Amended motion to allocate \$15,000 for the LACDP videos.
Ayes: many. Nays: 4. Motion passed.

IV. ASSISTANT TREASURER REPORT (Larry Furman)

\$192,000 total funds: \$127,000 in federal, \$55,000 in state, \$10,000 in slate mailer. 2009 reports have been submitted to Kindee Durkee and filed with the FEC and FPPC.

V. CREDENTIALS REPORT (Roz Teller)

47 credentialed members. Very few clubs have submitted their reaffiliation form.

There are three openings for Eboard: one at-large member; two members from the 39th AD. AD 39 caucus will take place before March meeting; Judy Flaherty will chair. Roz Teller and Wendy Block have been appointed to Endorsement Committee.

Lou Holtz, candidate for Superior Court spoke about his candidacy. He also spoke on behalf of another candidate, Alan Schneider.

VI. ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Janet Reynolds)

Met last Monday and finalized the questionnaires. Reviewed AD 43 special election on April 13th. Discussed and voted to endorse in County Committee races. Committee will meet on February 28 at 8:30 and will interview candidates for AD 43 and Santa Clarita City Council. Will consider endorsement in Proposition 15 (Fair Elections). Board members are encouraged to attend.

AD 43 Special Election: 4 Democratic and 1 Republican candidates. Primary election on April 13. Democratic nominee will be on the ballot in June for the remainder the current term, as well as for the primary for the November election. CDP endorsement caucus to be held on March 13. 4 debates among the Democratic candidates: 3/18 in Glendale, 3/20 at Citibank in Atwater, two other debates sponsored by Burbank Dem Club and possibly Valley Grassroots.

M/S/P for DPSFV to sponsor the debates as to use our mailing list to publicize the debates. Passed unanimously.

Wayne Williams spoke on Proposition 15, the Fair Elections measure. Already endorsed by Democratic leaders (Bass, Kuehl, Burton, Bauman), several Valley Dem Clubs. Campaign kickoff March 11 at Leo Baeck Temple.

VII. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT (Greg Girvan)

Working on possible low-dollar, fun fundraisers. Poker/cards/game night. Group discount tickets for Dodger games. Jeff Daar suggested a theater night. Rosemary Jenkins suggested contacting a city council person to pay for a bus to Dodger Stadium and look into food packages. Sheldon says not to get the cheapest tickets because some people don't like sitting up high or in the bleachers.

Domingo from the Andrew Westall for Assembly campaign is circulating signatures-in-lieu petitions.

Tentative date for the picnic is May 2nd.

VIII. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Bruce and Chad)

Remember to add your club events and club information to the web site.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VDU has invited SFVYD to have a discussion on working together.

Watch out for petitions on ballot measures would gut public pensions. Would restrict them for new members and would reduce benefits for current members.

4 Star is looking for board members. Current board is Westside-dominated and would love to have more people from the Valley, especially people concerned with veterans' and foreign affairs issues.

Congratulations to Dan McCrory, newly-elected president of Sherman Oaks Democratic Club.

Agi strongly recommends the movie **A Single Man**.

Gladys Silver, a member of several DPSFV clubs, passed away last night.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Daar moved that we adjourn in the memory of Carol Blad, a former DPSFV chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. in memory of Carol Blad.