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Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 05, 2010

State Building Auditorium

Minutes

Chair, Agi Kessler; 1st Vice Chair, Chad Jones; 2nd Vice Chair, Janet Reynolds; Recording Secretary, Damian Carroll; Corresponding Secretary, Bruce McFarland

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

I AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Agi welcomed guests Assemblymember Hector De La Torre, Assemblymember Dave Jones, Assemblymember Ted Lieu, Ferial Masry, Dianna Shaw, Randy Hammet, Tom Griego, Tony Delosaureus, and Richard Valdez.

II MINUTES (Damian Carroll)

Minutes for March were accepted as submitted.

III ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT (Larry Furman)

No new business to report.

IV CHAIR'S REPORT (Agi Kessler)

Agi welcomed Republican candidates attacking each other, but encouraged our candidates not to resort to negative campaigning.

Janet Reynolds is opening a surgery center in Hanford, and was unfortunately unable to be here for her last meeting. We spoke with her by phone. The cake was delicious.

April 16 – 19 is the CDP Convention in Los Angeles. Observer passes are available. Two DPSFV members are caucus chairs: Tom O’Shaughnessey for the Irish Caucus, and Kess Kessler for the Senior Caucus.

PAUL LOEB (Jeff Daar): Motivational grassroots writer Paul Loeb will be appearing at an upcoming DPSFV event and promoting his book Soul of a Citizen at the State Building Auditorium, Sunday, April 25th at 2:30pm.

V 12TH ANNUAL PICNIC AND SOFTBALL GAME (Chad Jones)

Sunday, May 2nd @ 11am, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park, \$20/person. Register online at dpsfv.com/picnic. Volunteers are needed!

VI CLUB PRESIDENTS’ LUNCH (Bruce McFarland)

Motion:Fund the club President’s luncheon at an amount not exceeding \$1000. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Joe Martin	Various	Unanimous		

VII JUNE ELECTION DATES (Chad Jones)

Chad reviewed important June Election dates:

Vote by Mail ballots open: May 10

Voter Register Deadline: May 24

VBM Request Deadline: June 1

Election Day: June 8

DPSFV has access to a voter tracking database called MOE – we will utilize this web-based program to give people access to their precincts.

VIII CDP FUNDRAISING (Agi Kessler)

Agi related that the CDP is almost out of money, to the extent that they are having trouble making payroll. Agi noted that the CDP has provided to DPSFV around \$25,000-30,000 in value.

Motion: DPSFV shall make a donation to the CDP in the amount of \$5000 from our state funds account. Motion FAILED to garner a majority voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Bruce McFarland	Joe Martin		Majority	

Motion: DPSFV shall donate \$5000 in state funds and \$5,000 in federal funds. FAILED

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions

Motion: DPSFV shall donate \$15,000 in state funds to the CDP. PASSED by majority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Lysa Simon	Various	33		

IX CREDENTIALS REPORT (Roz Teller)

Agi wished David Graham Caso a happy birthday.

There were 56 E-board members present and 18 observers.

X ENDORSEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT (Tom O'Shaughnessey)

Agi thanked the members of the Endorsement Committee.

The Committee spent a combined amount of 270 hours on endorsement deliberations. Each read between 150 and 200 pages of candidate questionnaires.

The Committee submitted multiple Consent Calendars, the first as follows:

Governor – Jerry Brown (Unanimous)

Lt. Governor – Janice Hawn (Unanimous)

Insurance Commissioner- Dave Jones (60%)

Attorney General: Ted Lieu (90%)

Controller – John Chiang (unanimous)

Superintendent of Public Instruction – Tom Torlakson (unanimous)

Treasurer: Bill Lockyer

Congressional:

CD 27 – Brad Sherman (unanimous)

CD 28 – Howard Berman (unanimous)

CD 29 - Adam Schiff (unanimous)

CD 30 – Henry Waxman (unanimous)

The following races were pulled: Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner.

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar minus the pulled races. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		

Motion: Endorse Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner. PASSED by 60% supermajority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	30	20	1

Motion: Endorse Assemblymember Ted Lieu for Attorney General. FAILED to garner a supermajority card vote

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	28	26	

Motion: DPSFV shall make no recommendation in the Democratic Primary for the Attorney General's race. FAILED to garner a 60% supermajority

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Rosemary Jenkins	Dan McCrory		majority	

Motion: RECONSIDER the endorsement of Ted Lieu for Attorney General. PASSED by majority vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Larry Furman	Sharon Ford	31	18	

Motion: Endorse Assemblymember Ted Lieu for Attorney General. PASSED by supermajority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	32	18	

A second Consent Calendar was read, as follows:

State Senate:

SD 20: Alex Padilla (unanimous)

Assembly:

AD 36: Linda Jones

AD 37 Ferial Masry

AD 38 Diana Shaw

AD 39 Felipe Fuentes

AD 40 Bob Blumenfield

AD 41 Julia Brownley

AD 42 Mike Feuer

Board of Equalization:

Seat #2 Chris Parker

Seat #4 Jerome Horton

No races were pulled.

Motion: Accept the Consent Calendar as submitted. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		

A Consent Calendar was submitted, as follows:

Proposition 13(limits on property tax assessment for retrofitted reinforced masonry buildings) – Support

14 (Jungle Primary) – Oppose

16 (Two-thirds vote for municipalities using Independent Energy providers)– Oppose

17 (Insurance Shenanigans) – Oppose

No recommendations were pulled.

Motion: Adopt the consent calendar as submitted. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		

A Consent Calendar was submitted for County Committee, as follows:

AD 38: (unanimous)

Jim Hilfenhaus
Kristin Ingram-Worthman
Michael Kulka
Carole Lutness
Richard Mathews
Bruce McFarland
Lyn Shaw

AD 39: (unanimous)

Jacqueline Alikhaani
Noel Barajas Jr
Raul Bocanegra
Gerado Guzman
Elizabeth Knipe
Patty Salazar

Jose Sandoval

AD 40: (unanimous)

Elizabeth Badger
Jeffrey Daar
Marilyn Grunwald
David Hyman
Dan McCrory
Barbara Rolbin
Miguel Santiago

AD 41: (unanimous)

Cecile Bendavid
Julie Lopez Dad
Ralph Erickson
Leah Herzberg,
Agi Kessler
Margie Murray
Dolores Press

AD 42: (unanimous)

Dante Atkins
Joseph Cislowski
Paul Koretz
Diana Plotkin
Jeffrey Prang
Alton Reed
Joyce Rubin

AD 43: (87%)

Laurie Collins
Steve Ferguson
Igor Kagan
Kathy Kensinger

Thomas O'Shaughnessy
Heather Repenning
Roz Teller

The following candidates were pulled: Jacqueline Alikhaani and Carole Lutness.

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar as submitted, minus the pulled candidates. PASSED by unanimous card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		

Motion: Endorse Jacquelynne Alikhani for County Committee. PASSED by supermajority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Supermajority.		

Motion: Endorse Carole Lutness for County Committee. PASSED by unanimous card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous.		

A consent calendar was submitted for Judicial races, as follows:

Office No. 28 Mark K. Ameli

Office No. 35 Soussan Bruguerz

Office No 107 Valerie Salkin

Office No 117 Alan Schneider

Office No 131 Maren E. Nelson

The following races were pulled: Office #28,

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar minus the pulled race. PASSED by unanimous card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		

Motion: Endorse Mark K. Ameli in Office No. 28. FAILED to garner a supermajority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	19	13	

Motion: Endorse Randy Hammock in Office No. 28. FAILED to garner a supermajority card vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Rosemary Jenkins	Sheldon Kadish	14	18	

XI BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Damian Carroll)

Report postponed to the next meeting by unanimous voice vote.

XII OLD BUSINESS

XIII NEW BUSINESS

Next month Greg Girvan will discuss having a DPSFV day at a Dodger game.

XIV ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – May 3, 2010 @ 7:00 pm