

**Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Monday, May 3rd, 2010  
State Building Auditorium**

Chair, Agi Kessler; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Chad Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, OPEN; 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.

**II MINUTES (Damian Carroll)**

Minutes for March were accepted with one spelling correction

**III ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT (Larry Furman)**

No report.

**IV CHAIR'S REPORT (Agi Kessler)**

Open At-Large E-Board Positions: Agi Kessler recommended Mike Kulka and Dave Dobson as replacements to two new open At-Large Board Positions. Kanchan Mattoo has additionally sent in a resignation letter following the birth of his daughter.

Motion: Approve Mike Kukla and Dave Dobson to the open At-Large Board Seats PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Various	Various	Unanimous		

Agi reported that Janet Reynolds' husband Bill is in intensive care due to a traumatic medical event. The Hospitality Committee will send a get-well card.

Budget Meeting to be held by Speaker Perez at 4pm Friday May 7th at One Generation, on Victory west of Balboa.

CDP Convention: Lyn Shaw spoke regarding changes to the CDP Platform. Marilyn Grunwald is now the Chair of the Disabilities Caucus, following the passing of the previous Chair, August Longo.

Platform Changes (Lyn Shaw): This year's platform was a statewide process, including from issue advocacy groups, service providers, and sister organizations. Changes include a death with dignity plank and a plank advocating elimination of the death penalty, to be replaced with lifetime imprisonment. CDP also expanded a women's plank

and a disability plank. It should be up on the CDP website by the end of this week. A plank on political reform has also been added.

Disability Caucus (Marilyn Grunwald): The caucus has added a Facebook page. The mission of the caucus is to protect people with disabilities through the legislature, and to make sure people with disabilities can participate in campaigns, fundraisers, etc. Marilyn can be contacted via [Marilyn.Grunwald@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.Grunwald@gmail.com).

Irish-American Caucus (Thom O'Shaughnessey): This caucus hosted a 2-hour debate of Attorney General candidates. Kevin McEwan reported on building a farm club and running for office. In San Francisco they passed a resolution about reuniting Ireland.

Agi noted that the CDP has instituted online caucus registration, initiated by Kess Kessler.

Senior Caucus (Kess Kessler): 100 people signed up, 90 showed up. 23 candidates spoke at the end of the caucus. The two primary areas were healthcare and the state propositions. Kess passed around a list of 18 things from Health Care Reform that take effect immediately, this year.

Agi noted that a quorum call stopped business at the CDP, and asked that delegates tell their friends to stay through the end of Convention in the future.

Agi reported that DP/SFV met with OFA organizers at the state convention, who will be joining DPSFV at our next campaign headquarters.

Club Affiliations: we have a new club, the Proactive Democrats, who have met the requirements for affiliation.

Motion: Welcome Proactive Democrats as a new member club of DPSFV. PASSED by unanimous voice vote

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Various	Various	Unanimous		

Agi welcomed Ruben Zaragoza, president of the Proactive Dems, Juan Blanco, President of the Democratic Club of the High Desert, and Stuart Wolz, President of the 4-Star Dems.

Motion: Welcome back (reaffiliate) the Democratic Club of the High Desert. PASSED by unanimous voice vote

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Various	Various	Unanimous		

## **V CREDENTIALS REPORT (Roz Teller)**

There were 52 E-board members present and 11 observers.

## **VI BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Damian Carroll)**

A first reading of two proposed bylaws changes was made. Voting will take place on these proposed changes at next month's E-board meeting.

## **VII CDP DONATION REPORT (Chad Jones)**

Chad read a heartfelt letter from Shawnda Westly of the CDP reporting that the check from DP/SFV made her cry.

**VIII VOTER REGISTRATION (Chad Jones)**

Chad printed precinct lists for members who had volunteered to walk their precinct.

**IX ENDORSEMENTS (Thom O'Shaughnessey)**

10 members met Sunday May 2nd at 12 noon. The Committee presented the following recommendations as a Consent Calendar:

L.A. County Assessor: John Noguez

Los Angeles Unified School District Measure E: Support

LA County Supervisor: Zev Yaroslavsky

AD 43 Primary Election: Mike Gatto

6 Members standing were needed to pull an endorsement. The following endorsements were pulled: L.A. County Assessor.

Motion: Adopt the Consent Calendar minus the pulled items. PASSED by unanimous consent.

Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Endorsement Committee	N/A	Unanimous		1

Mike Gatto thanked DPSFV for its support.

**Motion:** DPSFV Shall endorse John Noguez for L.A. County Assessor. PASSED by 60% supermajority card vote.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
Endorsement Committee	N/A	29	14	

**X PICNIC:** Chad Jones presented a video of the DP/SV Spring Picnic, edited by Ilene Haber.

**XI OLD BUSINESS**

Bob Silver spoke advocating clubs sign onto a letter to the District Attorney from the Los Angeles County for Death Penalty Alternatives. The letter asks DA Steve Cooley to end the death penalty in Los Angeles County, for financial reasons. The website is [endthedeathpenaltyla.org](http://endthedeathpenaltyla.org).

**XII NEW BUSINESS.**

**XIII ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.**

**NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – June 7, 2010 @ 7:00 pm**