

Democratic Neighbors 38
Coco's, Mission Hills
August 26, 2009

Convened: 7 p.m.

Carole Lutness: general orientation/introductions for new members/visitors

a grace said in honor of Senator Ted Kennedy on the occasion of his passing

Attendance: Lane Sherman, Dorri Raskin, Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Denise Clifford, Amanda Garrett, Shirl Moore-Byas, Marcia Schneider, Michael Kulka, Steve Brooks, Rosalind Scarbrough, Dave Lutness, Carole Lutness, Rosemary Jenkins

Secretary's Report: approved as read per e-mail

Treasurer's Report: approximate (in absence of Treasurer): \$900+/-;
account covers costs of VR, DP/SFV membership, etc.

reimbursement request by **Rosemary Jenkins** for \$36 for dues to LACDP;
approved unanimously

motion by **Lane Sherman** to make such reimbursement a matter of policy
approved unanimously

about 51 paid members; 150 on the mailing list

Old Business:

Upcoming challenges:

overthrowing 2/3. electing 54 AD/27Den and Dem Gov; clean money
(public financing for office, cannot use own money and no outside source,
no PAC, no individual donations, \$5 from 500 voters to register to run,
(prop 13 on revenue) a later law re: budget; open primary (allow anyone to
vote for any candidate--no crossover voting--people can organize to vote
for a candidate to eliminate the opposition)

Voter Registration (VR): up the 210 freeway; we need to organize with
Organizing for America (OFA) with DN38 (Shirl Moore-Byas was here to
speak for OFA)

September 19 is next scheduled VR date

Hispanic Outreach/African-American Outreach:

Rosalind Scarbrough is our conduit with NAACP;
Jose Sandoval is our contact with Hispanics

Youth Outreach: anyone interested in heading this up?

Make a Difference Day: national-wide event
scheduled in SCV in October; we might want to do something in SFV
and/or up 210
(let's invite people who signed up for a 210 club to help us)

Truman Awards Committee: nominated **Rosemary Jenkins**;
nomination approved unanimously

event will be held on November 22; site unknown as of now

SCV Dem Picnic: early October

New Business:

Fall Elections:

Paul Krekorian: (Rosemary will contact Chad Jones re: script/numbers,
etc.)
contact Rosemary Jenkins if interested in making calls

Water Board: (5 seats: 2 Newhall, 1 School Board, 2 Castaic School
Board)

Christy Smith asking for our help
Mike Cruz has also asked

we need updated VR list from State
must contact voters before absentee ballots come out;
high-propensity voters tend to vote absentee

consider Bounty Program: registering Democrats will earn us \$2 for each
registration; \$1 for vote-by-mail; \$1 for email address

a print-out that you voted absentee can be obtained through
County

Announcements:

Jackie Goldberg email: this Sunday, 2227 Observatory Avenue, Los Feliz

2-4 p.m.

Dori Raskin: this Friday, Topanga and Califa, on single payer rally California One Care

Rocketdyne Clean-Up (Department of Energy program to listen to populace who must convince it that this is a major pollution problem):

this Saturday, 9 to 4:30, 999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley, Grand Vista Hotel

Marcia Schneider: House Party at her house on Sept 12

Next Meeting: 9-23-09, Caruso's on Sierra Highway in Canyon Country

Adjourned in Ted Kennedy's name at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Jenkins