Chula Vista Democratic Club

Monthly Membership Meeting

January 27, 2022

Meeting Minutes

1. Members Present:

Mary Salas, Mason Inocentes, Miriam Aguilar Escobar, Norma Cazares, Roger Cazares, Roberto Moreno, Sara Kent Ochoa, Steve Castaneda, Todd Voorhees, Zaneta Encarnacion, Barbara Orozco-Valdivia, Bertha Lopez, Cesar Fernandez, Eloy Villa, Hector Martinez, Miriam Martinez, Paula Hall, Tanya Castaneda, Michelle Krug, Bea Fernandez, Jose Cerda, Christine Antoine, John Moot, Armando Farias, Barbara Avalos, Becky Cortez, Claudia Silva, Cynara Velazquez, Delfina Gonzalez, Jose Lopez, Francisco Tamayo, Griselda Delgado, Harriet Baber, Joan Stroh, Jose Preciado, Ken Seaton-Msemaji, Simon Silva, Marcela \_\_\_\_

Guests and Non-Voting Members Present: Alma Sarmiento, Carolina Chavez, David Dodson, Francisco Rivera, Jesus Cardenas, Lilia Rodriguez, Mitch Thompson, Robin Leon, S Ali Zaidi, Steve Padilla, Zachary Gomez, Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mark Liaug

1. The members moved to approve the agenda- motion was accepted without objection.
2. Officer Reports-
3. President Tanya Castaneda – Welcomed membership and reminded everyone that dues for the calendar year are due.
4. Vice President Christine Antoine- no report.
5. Treasurer- $ in 834 Paypal and Wix will transfer about 800 in new funds
6. Secretary- Jose Preciado. Move Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2021 posted on website. Moved by Paul Hall and Hector Martinez
7. Past President Jose Cerda- No report
8. President thanked Jen Fuentecilla for her service as club parliamentarian during the 2021 calendar year. Jen was very helpful at meetings, but what was really noteworthy is her commitment to the club for events and other activities. Jen was very involved in the community this year as she graduated from Emerge and applied to be appointed for a seat with the Chula Vista Elementary School District Board of Trustees vacancy.
9. Officer Nominations

President Castaneda announced a slate of officers. Todd Vorhees and Bertha Lopez moved approval of the slate of officers to be voted on in our February meeting. The motion was accepted unanimously.

President – Christine Antoine

Vice President – Jose Preciado

Treasurer- Hector Martinez

Secretary- Tanya Castaneda

1. Friendly Incumbent Endorsement for National City Mayor

President Castaneda offered remarks of about Mayor Sotelo-Solis’s service during the pandemic and in support of National City families.

A motion to endorse Alejandra Sotelo-Solis for reelection as Mayor. Moved by Paula Hall and Seconded by Bea Fernandez to provide a friendly incumbent endorsement. Motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Sotelo-Solis expressed her appreciation and spoke about the future of South Bay and the region.

1. Endorsement for Chula Vista City Council District 1 (Endorsement Requires 50% plus 1)

4 candidates considered.

Carolina Chavez

Francisco Rivera

Jose Lopez

Mark Liuag

No Endorsement

After two ballots- Chula Vista Democratic Club endorses- Jose Lopez

Outcome of vote was reported to voting members.

1. Endorsement of Chula Vista City Attorney (Endorsement Requires 50% plus 1)

2 Candidates Considered

John Moot

Simon Silva

No Endorsement

Following one ballot- Chula Vista Democratic Club Endorses Simon Silva

Outcome of vote reported to voting members.

1. David Dobson Candidate for Board of Equalization

Candidate Dobson introduced himself to the membership highlighting his significant years of service as employee of the Board of Equalization.

1. Round Robin

Members and guests reported a series of community announcements. Michelle Krug reported on Region 20 of the California Democratic Party and the upcoming endorsement and elections to fill vacancy in the 80th Assembly District.