

**South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club  
Agenda - January 18, 2018--FINAL  
Lake Tahoe Pizza Company - 6pm**

1. Sign-in, Introductions, determining a quorum:

Norma staffed sign in; 38 attendees to achieve quorum (10 minimum). Called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (October 19, 2017)

Motion to Approve—Sue Novasel

Second: Frank Riley; Minutes approved.

3. Chair Report - Sue

Welcome: This is a very important year and we continue to organize ourselves to assist where we know it will help the most. We have serious candidates capable of unseating McClintock so we need to keep the pressure on and continue building momentum.

Club purpose: Have every voice heard and insure we are diligent in pushing the above message forward.

Importance of year: We CAN make a difference and “flip the 4<sup>th</sup>” (CA-04 Congressional District)! See more details below regarding Sierra Forward.

Candidate forum: Had over 100 participants as the three challenging candidates; Roza Calderon, Regina Bateson, and Jessica Morse; presented their views. If you missed it, please check out the YouTube video on Lake Tahoe Dems Facebook page.

Overview of tonight’s purpose:

- Reorganization of Standing Committees,
- Overview of endorsement process and time leading up to June primary, and
- Present bylaw changes.

Upcoming events:

Woman’s March - Reno march beginning at Federal building at 10 a.m. South Lake Tahoe convening in the Hard Rock Hotel parking lot at 10 a.m.; begin march, on sidewalks only, at 11 a.m. down to Lakeview Commons. Mayor Wendy David is keynote speaker. Sacramento march begins at Southside Park at 10 a.m.

Tahoe Truckee candidate forum, Jan 23, 6-8:30 p.m. at North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach.

Sierra Forward presentation, Jan. 23 at 6-8 p.m., at South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd. Les Frances shows survey results indicating a strong possibility we can flip the 4<sup>th</sup>. The two front-running Democratic candidates have raised approx.. \$¼ million each compared to a high of \$90,000 for past democratic candidates.

Douglas County Democrats Luncheon, Feb 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Carson Valley Inn; presenting is Bill McCurdy, Nevada State Democratic Party President.

California Democratic Convention, Feb 23-25 in San Diego. Jodi Dayberry, delegate, attending and carrying proxy, along with Sue who carries proxy for Bob Derlet. There are now over 500 democratic clubs throughout the State who will work on party platform. Jacque Steward is also attending. Because of the size of the Club we have 13 votes but have only 5 currently slated to attend. Travel costs are borne by the attendees.

#### 4. Treasurer Report - Sue

About \$1,100 in bank and looking to register for tax exempt status which requires a fee of \$400. We will be looking at focused fundraising in the near future.

#### 5. Membership update – Nancy

The Nov Candidate Forum generated much interest in the Club. We've received the following new members: Oct = 4, Nov = 11, and Dec = 5. Total membership stands at 126. Members still needing to pay 2018 dues = 39. The new membership sign-in form requests all the information necessary to keep our official Roster updated to El Dorado Central Democratic Committee requirements. A few extras are available so you can share with a friend!

#### 6. Overview of process leading up to Primary – Sue on behalf of Allyson

We have 9 votes in pre-endorsement process. Allyson Tabor, John Friedrich, Mike Patterson, and Jodi Dayberry, plus Chair (Sue Chandler). New: Elfriede Henniger-Smith, Jacque Steward, Norma Santiago, and Mary Lekan. Members vote their conscience and fully explore candidates using a number of tools: interviews, straw polls of the membership, forums, websites, newspaper articles and the like. Our Club did a straw poll at the November forum and a Survey Monkey in early January; both showing close races for Jessica Morse and Regina Bateson with the third candidate, Roza Calderon, a distant third.

January 28 is voting under pre-endorsement, in Modesto, and can also be a mail-in ballot since there is no other interaction planned at this function. The next several months indicate a close race. The good news is both Democratic candidates have a strong bank account to pose a real challenge to the incumbent.

#### 7. Old Business

None

#### 8. New Business

Election of Community Liaison Officer: Letter of resignation received and accepted by the Executive Board so we need to fill this key position. Check the bylaws to see the description for this position and let Sue know of your interest.

Overview of By-Law changes: Please review as these will be presented for a membership vote at the February 15 meeting. Primary changes include: spreads the work of the Vice-Chair and Community Liaison between these two positions;

changes fiscal year to calendar year (Jan-Dec); adds Budget & Finance Committee; and, includes EDCDCC mandatory language. Article X, 2. d. wording is clunky so we need to evaluate if this is really mandatory or if we, as an autonomous Club, can reword this to be less cumbersome.

Surveys via Survey Monkey: We need unique email addresses so we can insure one email, one vote. By using unique emails, we would tailor these to insure only voting members are receiving ballots. This gives some assurance that only registered democrats, who are members-in-good-standing (dues paid in full), are voting.

In response to concerns over privacy when using Survey Monkey and MailChimp, both companies provide privacy statements that meet or exceed industry standards. We encourage our members to read these and become familiar with them and, perhaps even more importantly, insure your personal security standards, using your own equipment, is up to par. With both personal and corporate privacy standards up-to-date, problems should be avoided or minimized.

Sue Novasel, EDC Supervisor representative: The Board of Supervisors are voting to approve conceptually forming a new commission to address human rights and tolerance training. This is to impress upon local, state, and federal elected officials; and schools; that the current language and negative discourse used by public officials, is not tolerated. This vote is happening on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 1 p.m., at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, in Placerville.

There will be a special meeting of the EDC Board of Supervisors, Feb 1 at p.m., in the City of South Lake Tahoe Board Chambers (airport). to receive a presentation from Staff about changes to the current vacation short-term rental ordinance including signage, enforcement, and fines. Please note: Issues, such as moratoriums and bans, will be addressed by the Board Ad Hoc Committee at a later time.

Reorganizing Standing Committees: To those who volunteered, THANK YOU! Please give thoughtful consideration to naming others to the committee(s) you're now working on. Committees not yet staffed will be evaluated for outreach and selection by the Executive Committee. Please get your interest (or anyone else you would recommend) to Sue Chandler, quickly.

Budget & Finance – Nancy & Elfriede...still need another member. One suggestion is member Paul Brusio who is good with finance. Nancy will follow up.

Program – Mary Lekan...need to engage more helpers. Per Sue, Pat Harris, running against Dianne Feinstein for the Senate, wants to speak to our Club. We also have some carry-over interest in a climate change presentation (Fred Roberts) and someone who can address the California "Health Care for All" initiative.

Social: Frank Riley...next Happy Hour is at Pick 6, Feb 7, 5 p.m. to ??? Need a few more volunteers to help Frank for Happy Hour selections and other events to schedule throughout the year. Sue suggests bowling, a "Trapped in Tahoe" activity, and other ways in which Club members can interact.

Communications and IT...Allyson Tabor currently serves and needs more help.

Membership/Voter Registration – Peggy Meyer will help but doesn't want to take the lead. THIS IS SO CRITICAL THIS YEAR!! Not only registering folks but also getting them to the polls. Sierra Forward will fund a person who can coordinate and get this rolling. Again, we need local Club involvement to insure we can move this forward.

Public Relations/Legislative Affairs – No volunteers.

Community Service and Outreach – No volunteers.

Candidate identification, Endorsements and Member Engagement – John Friedrich

10. Adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Sue collected Standing Committee sign-up sheets and will incorporate tonight's names, and any additions, to distribute to the membership.

The next Executive Committee meeting is Thu, Feb 1, 6 p.m., at Sue's house.  
The next happy hour is Wed, Feb 7, 5 p.m., at Pick 6 (where Rude Brothers' Bagels used to be).

The next general meeting is Thu, Feb 15, 6-8 p.m. (location TBD).