

South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club
February 21, 2019
Lake Tahoe Pizza Company - 6:10pm

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions, sign-in and determination of a quorum
2. Approval of today's agenda and of minutes from Jan. 24.-approved Mary Lekan and Jeni Norris.

3. Chairperson's report

Membership request - 69 paid in members.

EDCDCC update:

Mary Lekan sworn in Tuesday - Feb. 19, 2019 for Supervisors District 5 (SLT).

Kennedy Roosevelt Dinner, May 5- Auction donations request made.

May 18 - Forest and Fuels Management; Co-sponsored by Tahoe Climate Coalition; followed by picnic at Sue's house.

ADEMS-Sue Chandler and Jodi Dayberry are delegates.

State Senate Race District 1 Due to Ted Gaines resignation. Silke Pflueger (D) endorsed. 4 Republicans, one other Dem: Steven Baird (State of Jefferson, former Republican)-not campaigning, refused invitation to address EDC. Mail-in Ballots going out Feb. 27. Need members to send postcards in order to campaign for Silke, stamps donated by Chandler. Top 2 proceed on to Final elections.

EDC 2020 elections - Candidate search for President, Congress 4, Senate District 1, Assembly District 5, Superior Court Judges (2), (possibly SLT City Council?)

*New Business: sign up to test Internet reception, for survey on internet access (to be sent out to members).

4. Treasurer's report: \$1645.11 as of Feb 15, 2019 (Attachment A-Value Checking)

5. Secretary Report-none

6. Old business:

Emergency Fund parameters. Flat fee of \$200 voted and approved by show of hands for this year.

Approved Bylaws revision. Motion: Robert Erlich, Mary Lekan. Approved.

Earth Day, Adopt-a-Highway, Bread and Broth discussed as community involvement projects.

7. New business:

Committees - request for participation.

Happy hour dates and locations - Flight Deck - 5pm - March 13, April 3

8. **Program: Local Issues and Concerns:**

Devin Middlebrook: City Council reported.

2 seats up in 2020—Jason Collin and Brooke Laine. Strategic Planning Council met Fri. Issues before the Council: Community Preparedness, transportation, roads, transit; community strength (housing); funding-how to pay for it? perhaps one or more tax initiatives. i.e. vacant house tax, such as for empty houses, vacation rentals (determined by utility bills). Oakland has rolled this out. Get

empty homes down to 50%. Met with Truckee re housing-join 2020 effort to address housing. TRPA just passed rule-for obtainable housing up to 190% of median income, permit is free. May work with STPUD to make unused sewer permits available to low income housing. Adding solar power, reducing carbon fuel use. Main Street management plan for Loop Road moving old highway, new uses, parking study, build housing first. March 5 presentation at 9:30 a.m. at airport. Public workshop on March 14 at 5pm, TBD. New City Mgr, from So. Carolina. Measure T—occupancy aspects effective now, rest in 2021. Court date in October, re: lawsuit. City attorney handling lawsuit.

Nick Exline and Jim Jones: STPUD reported

Issues before STPUD: Budgetary process-options-increase quarterly fees water and sewer, 5-7%. Rationale: insurance companies will dramatically increase ins. rates due to inadequate fire protection in part of community. Compare to relatively minor increase in STPUD fees to address this issue. 10% of community doesn't have enough flow to fire hydrants.

Pilot program for electric vehicle transition program as fleet. County will be looking at STPUD efforts. Energy audits, solar assessment program for institutions. City council is supportive. Transition to renewable energy. Looking at replacing worn parts with increase in fees. Currently, sewer connection fees are less than 2 years ago. Exception for low income projects. Luxury properties paying relatively little. Discussing co-generation of electricity projects. Jones will be in Washington to lobby Feinstein and others.

PCE bloom heading to Keys and Lukins, then they will rely on STPUD. 70% of water drawn from wells in Al Tahoe area. Lahontan involved. Board makeup: 3 to 2 aligned with Exline and Jones.

Questions from audience, re: allocation of increase in fees to staff benefits and deferred maintenance, construction. Staff expenses currently less than surrounding agencies.

Public is welcome to participate in STPUD meetings. Club will post schedule.

9. Items from the floor as time permits: John Friedrich, Liberty Utilities: Goal-1—100% renewable in 2023 or 2024? Approved for 400 rechargers. Liberty will pay for charging equipment, home charging \$1500 rebate. Looking at installing charging stations in schools, public places. LTUSD looking at replacing diesel busses in 2 years. Increasing solar in entire program for residences, up to \$12k; schools, public institutions up to 100 kw; and for businesses as well. Social justice: weatherization and hire locally.

HR 1; omnibus bill, re: electoral process, gerrymandering, voter registration, see New Yorker "Talk of the Town" Feb 18 & 25, 2019. Plea to contact reps. by member Jerome.

Report on McClintock by Friedrich-list of votes.

Jessica Morse may run in 2022, not 2020. Sean Frame (D) planning to run in 2020.

CA DEM CONVENTION in June, 2019, in San Francisco. No endorsements. Special convention in November, to include endorsements. March 2020, CA PRIMARY (with endorsements). Congress, President, Senate; election November 2020.

10. Adjournment 7:35pm

Next General Meeting: March 21, 2019 – 6 p.m. - Lake Tahoe Pizza Company.

Attachment A

VALUE CHECKING, *XXXX

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Account Transactions Jan 1 - Feb 15, 2019
Starting Balance \$733.15
Ending Balance \$1645.11

<i>Date</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Withdrawals</i>	<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Balance</i>
02/11/2019		CREDIT - PAYPAL TRANSFER (10 memberships 1/22 - 2/22)		242.11	1645.11
02/08/2019	527	EDCDCC FEES (\$40 x 6 SLTDC delegates)	240.00		1403.00
02/07/2019		DONATIONS (for Bread and Broth)		55.00	1643.00
01/28/2019		DEPOSIT (11 memberships - to be confirmed)		\$275.00	1588.00
01/23/2019		CREDIT - PAYPAL TRANSFER (7 memberships 1/1-1/21 + misc. 2018)		554.85	1,313.00
01/17/2019		DEPOSIT (One membership)		25.00	758.15