

South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club
Executive Committee--FINAL
August 15, 2018 @ 5 p.m.-Sue's house

Attendees: Sue Chandler, Nancy Gibson, Allyson Tabor, Mary Lekan, John Friedrich. Absent: Norma Santiago, Jodi Dayberry, Frank Riley

Agenda

1. Plan Agenda for August 23 general meeting (Lake Tahoe Pizza @ 6 p.m.):

- Jacqueline Burns has confirmed (Jessica Morse campaign).
- Sue Novasel (BOS-5 candidate) has confirmed.
- Nick Exline (STPUD candidate) invited but unavailable.
- Janelle Horne (County Clerk-Recorder candidate) invited for Sept.
- Introduce Candidate Endorsement process (see #2 below).
 - Ask for member agreement to Endorsement process.
 - List members of the Endorsement committee (same names as July EC notes).
 - Identify process.
 - Give them the opportunity to provide input, via the question, "given this process, are there any candidates for whom you would like to have input?" If so, ask them to write these comments down (use blue sheets) and provide to the Secretary or send your comments to the laketahoedems@gmail email account.
- Membership input on community activities. Identify leads (see #5 below).
- Allyson will finish research on electronic payments and report on status.
- Nancy to provide IRS update (likely deferred until more information is in hand).

2. Endorsement Update:

- We have identified 10 Dems that have filed--
City council: Wendy David, Bruce Grego, Devin Middlebrook
City Clerk: Susan Blankenship
STPUD: James Jones, Nick Exline
BOS 5: Sue Novasel
LTCC Board: Kerry David, Jeff Cowan
Tahoe Paradise Resort: Peter Nelligan

Personal approach to those Democrats running. Questions:

- a. Do you want to be identified as a Democrat?
- b. Are you seeking an endorsement from the SLTDC? Why?
- c. Handout identifies list of local candidates who are registered Democrats that are consistent with the SLTDC mission (and respond to question a. as to whether we add names or not.)
- d. "The following listed Democrats have been endorsed by the SLTDC because these candidates support our Club mission of 'advocating for equality and progress in our communities.' "
- e. Democrats who are not consistent with our Club's mission will not be listed.
- f. John will massage Sue's questions, from last cycle, and prepare a set of questions; namely, i) a few boiler-plate questions for advance response and ii) a few that would be asked, and responded to, spontaneously.
- f. Interviews must occur prior to Aug 25 (targeting this Sat, 8/18); finalized results sent to Sue by Aug 27.

John will initiate contacts and have them completed by the end of August. Sue will take John's outcome and develop the list of candidates the Club is endorsing.

An idea might be to just include their names on the handout that we will be distributing. See attached copy of what the Auburn Dems are distributing (**this list needs to be added to these notes**). We could use that as a model. If we go that route, then the only thing we would have to do is to ask the Dems if they want their names included on the handout.

3. Candidate Forum:

Sept 27 @ CCC Bldg in Meyers. Format is that all candidate participants will, if they wish, be allowed 5 minutes for introductions/statements. Afterward, each candidate will sit at a table, with constituents, for 10 minutes. A timekeeper will keep time; then, candidates switch tables in a round-robin fashion. If we have a number of candidates, like candidates will join constituents at the same table.

- Jessica Morse invited and confirmed.
- All other candidates will be invited.

4. Nancy - IRS certification: Nancy will evaluate the IRS certification letter and evaluate 501(c)(4) v. 527 to check out:

- Additional filing fees.
- Procedures for annual filing.
- Other constraints that were part of why we chose not to go that route.
- The degree to which this IRS designation will allow other social welfare activities.
- Contact Jamie Heitbrink to explain the very high bar presented in “safe harbor,” per the IRS’s July 25, 2018, letter.
- Follow up with Kimi Cole on how the Douglas County Dems organized (made initial contact at 8/4 picnic).

5. Community Activities: See June and July notes and recommendations.

- Frank Riley’s role.
- Compliance with IRS in meeting 60/40 expectations.
- Solicit input from membership and identify topic/event leaders.

6. Tue, 8/21, meeting with EDCDCC that we’ll attend via conference call. Important vote for new EDCDCC Chair with Joshua Elder running unopposed.

7. Next Happy Hour, 9/12 at airport, 5-?? Sue to arrange.

8. Next EC mtg 9/13 at Sue’s house.

9. Gen Mtg 9/20, 6-8 p.m.: Lake Tahoe Pizza (arranged through Nov 2018).

10. Candidate forum: Can someone take the lead? This wasn’t determined.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.