

**South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club
General Meeting—FINAL
September 20, 2018
Lake Tahoe Pizza Company - 6pm**

Executive Committee Attendees: Sue Chandler, Allyson Tabor, Jodi Dayberry.
Absent: Nancy Gibson, Norma Santiago, Frank Riley.

1. Introductions, sign-in and ascertainment of a quorum:
Meeting began at 6:20 p; quorum achieved.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Meeting minutes of 8/23/18.
Moved & seconded: RS Lynn. Approved.
3. Chairperson's report (Sue): See in new business.
4. Treasurer's report Dayberry:
\$314 collected from last meeting and delivered to SLT Unified School District, McKinley Vento Organization, for needy students. Debt to Chandler paid for t-shirt purchase. \$900 balance remaining in Club account.
5. Membership update - records update - 137 paid,; 400 for email.
6. Old business:
Meet the candidate forum update: 18 committed to attend. Membership asked to post flyers. Notice has gone to SLT Tribune and Mountain News.
Format: Intro, then speakers move through tables to discuss with attendees.
Tax Status: Researching 527 status with respect to IRS (Fed) and Franchise Tax Board (State).
Electronic Payments: underway.
Postcard Campaign: Sierra Forward is sponsoring (ongoing). Albert Chandler paid for postage; Carla Neal soliciting postcard donations and sending.
Candidate endorsement process by SLTDC: offered to all Dem. candidates;
Endorsement Committee: Russ, Susan, Allyson, and John Friedrich. Those who accepted interview questions including: How does your philosophy align with Club mission, "Advocating for equality and progress in our community"?
7. New business:
Sierra Club meet on Sunday: Aug. 23, 3-6 at Aspen Hollow-\$20. Speakers: Nick Exline, candidate for STPUD; Brian Beffort of the Toiyabe, Sierra Club; Les Francis, Sierra Forward.
Debate on Sunday - watching and listening: Held in Mariposa between McClintock and Morse, Sept. 23, 2-3:30. Link to be sent by MailChimp.
President of LTCC sent invitation to McClintock and Morse for Oct. 7 debate midday. This will be a Town Hall event, in the Aspen Room at LTCC, beginning at 4 p.m. with doors open at 3:30 p. SLTDC will have a table.
Need poll watchers for Nov. 6 & Sierra Club fundraiser volunteers (9/23/18 event)
Survey monkey to be sent soon - will request advice on:
Member dues for 2019,

Nominations for SLTDC elections (for Oct. mtg),
Meeting schedule/place for 2019 member meetings (monthly or bi-monthly) and,
Community service projects for club involvement.

8. Program:

Endorsed candidates: Wendy David (not present), Nick Exline, James Jones
David: written statement presented (attachment).

Exline: 1. Fire protection re: adequate water line size. 2. Rates: no budget to replace infrastructure, poor can't afford, only solution proposed by current Board ; 3. lower carbon footprint, Renewable Energy commitment.

Jones: Agrees with Nick. 4 to budget votes over last years (he opposes); \$2 million deferred maintenance per year. Should replace \$1 million per year. \$75 million deferred in 10 years. 12-15% increase in 10 years meet this obligation. example of positive things STPUD has done-Hydro electric plant in Diamond Valley generates electricity. Looking at Solar, wind- has been advocating. 50-year life expectancy of sewer lines, coming due. Need to start replacing things now.

Update on the Jessica campaign: Jacqueline Burns: 4,000 doors, 6,000 phone calls last week. Two canvasses in SLT last week. Saturday and Sunday this week canvassing. Autodialing now available with message capability. Every Tuesday, 4 pm, meet at Peet's Coffee in the Raley's plaza at the Y. Canvassing every Sat-Sun 3-6 pm going forward. Goal: 3,000 doors in SLT. Need 20 people contacting 25 each. Ballots due to be mailed out Oct. 8. Reaching No Party Preference and Dems who don't vote; Republicans who are approachable. Better response from positive statements about Morse vs. negative McClintock statements. Can cut walk lists for those of us who wish to do on own time. SLTDEMS has produced handout with websites, endorsed and Dem candidates, Carla Neal (Assembly) and Club info appreciated by the public. Markleeville Dems helping. Need 20 people contacting 25 each.

Dayberry reported on SF Chronicle Op Ed Article about Thurmond past week by Breitbart and charter school advocate. School union has endorsed Thurmond.

9. Member comments: People appreciate the voting handout.

10. Video - Talking to Republicans, by Robert Reich. Don't avoid but seek out with those who disagree. Start with "kitchen subjects" -housing, etc. Try to find common ground. Ask why they think this has happened. If they start to blame immigrants, etc, ask why they think so. Ask about their own experiences. Ask about the role of big corporations, i.e. why bailout of banks, yet homeowners not. Why concentration of economic power driving up costs? Why big corp. can pursue bailout/bankruptcy, but not individuals? Get big money-out of equation...how? Move to economic and political *issues*, not *party*. Use humor.

10. Adjournment 7:28pm