

South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club
October 18, 2018, FINAL Minutes
Lake Tahoe Pizza Co. – 6 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Sue Chandler, Jodi Dayberry, Allyson Tabor, and Frank Riley. Absent: Norma Santiago and Nancy Gibson

1. Introductions, sign-in and determination of a quorum.

Meeting began at 6:12 p.m. Quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting: RS Lynn motioned to approve; Novasel second; minutes approved.

3. Chairperson's report-Sue Chandler: Canvassing 1000+ doors last week; week of October 16, 400 doors. Townhall: multiple candidates at Civilian Conservation Corps building; 130 attended Jessica Morse Candidate Forum at Lake Tahoe Community Center; Successful house party with 70+ attendees.

4. Treasurer's report-Jodi Dayberry: Two new members.

5. Membership update-Jodi Dayberry: Dues for 2019 payable effective November through January at new level: \$25 per person and \$10 per student. Electronic payment option available. Bank Balance approx. \$500. Fund raising for winter boots for school children (see notes from Diane Verwoest, below).

6. Program:

- Devin Middlebrook who is our Club's endorsed candidate for City Council. Favors Wendy David. Can work with Hal Cole, Tamara Wallace. Issue-STPUD fees and incentives for affordable housing, small home builders. Work with partners such as Conservancy, looking at affordable housing sites. Dig once policy-put in conduit while digging first time, avoid tearing up streets again. Put up campaign to research & attract industries, incentives to attract them to move here, train (LTCC) to adapt to new jobs. Climate: no snow below 6000' in future. How do we prepare and plan, i.e., summer activities? Hence, the need for forward-thinking City Council members.

- Les Francis - Co-founder of Sierra Forward, Mary Ellen accompanied: This 4th Congressional race is the most active in memory. 2000+ volunteers. Sole purpose is to beat Tom McClintock. Initially interested in, "Can this District be flipped?"

-- Survey done in Oct 2017 and summer 2018. Trump approval under water 10 points. 2017 Asked, "Are you willing to vote for someone else?" 32% yes. Summer 2018, 40% said yes, give someone else a chance. Francis toured District, recruited support. Sierra Forward is chartered and legally able to perform these duties: Appointed County heads. Sent 60K postcards. 30% of Democrats voted for McClintock in 2013. Stats are important. Likes to report back to constituents; thus, now reporting. Issue—Affordable housing now an issue. On-line polling is now the norm (phone calls obsolete). Trump still down 10%. Job approval high, but 10% down on favorability. Re: 39% respondents in 2017; 38% in 2018 in answer to, "Give someone else a chance?" 38% in July; 48 in 2018 recent survey.

No difference on issues since last year in survey.

But change in self ID party survey:

Last year: 42% Republican; 29% Democrat; 23% No Party Preference (NPP).

This year: 34% Republican; 29% Democrat; 31% NPP.

Therefore, we must recruit NPPs.

McClintock v. Morse; McClintock under 50% in July.

45% McClintock and 41% Morse most recent results. Morse \$1.3 million v.

McClintock \$600+K?

Sue Chandler gave details on how the Jessica Morse' campaign is working to get out the vote in SLT via phone banking and canvassing. If you can volunteer and need to be trained send an email to laketahoedems@gmail.com

7. Old business:

- Update on survey monkey Club election poll and including meeting times.
- Results of Club election process—Sue Chandler, Chair; Rob Rosett for Vice Chair; Nancy Gibson, Secretary; Treasurer, Jodi Dayberry if no one else stands up—Liz may be interested; Community Liaison-Diane Verwoest, Aletha Nelligan, Frank Riley; Webmaster, Allyson Tabor.
- Election watch gathering (6 pm at the Flight Deck): Show of hands for who's going. Good turn-out is expected. Will include a game with prizes.
- Tax status -527 not appropriate. Looking into community work while including some political advocacy/endorsement, especially in critical campaign/election years.
- Electronic payments: Now up and running using PayPal. This includes a nominal fee.

8. New business:

- Program for November meeting will center on planning community activities for 2019.
- No December meeting. 2019 Schedule is:
Jan. 24 (4th Thursday of the month);
Feb 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20 (Feb-June the third Thursday of the month).
- Coats for Kids—Diane Verwoest: Please plan to bring hats, boots, ski pants, winter attire to November Club meeting. Other drop off places to be announced; accepting clothing or donate money that will be earmarked for clothing purchase.

9. Comments from audience – none

10. Adjournment at 7:44 pm.