

**South Lake Tahoe Democrats Club  
Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2018, General Meeting, Lake Tahoe Pizza @ 6 p.m.  
FINAL**

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

**1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. (Nancy):** Quorum achieved through verified sign-ins.

Announcements: Sue Chandler, Chair, will be in Thailand and return on January 8, 2019. Allyson Tabor is in the Marshall Islands on an immunization mission; returning on Nov 18. Nancy will facilitate this evening's meeting. Jodi Dayberry will be registering any new and recurring memberships at the approved 2019 levels: \$25 per person and \$10 per student. Robert Erlich will assist Jodi using our new PayPal process. Thank you all for coming tonight in celebration of hard-fought elections with successes on many Democratic fronts.

**Presentation of 50/25/25 winners:** The snapshot for election results was the evening of Nov 13 using data from ballotpedia.org, for State and National elections, and local media for local elections. This resulted in dropping 4 contests from all ballots, as they were too close to call, and scoring the remaining 14. There is a \$100 pot to divide with 50% to the top winner, 25% going to the runner up, and the remaining 25% going to the Club.

Top winner, with 12 of 14 correct: John Friedrich with a \$50 winning.  
Runner-up was a tie between Susan Lankford and Lennie Schwartz with 11 correct. The members determined splitting the 25% was appropriate with each receiving \$12.50. A \$25 donation will go to the Club. No recipients were present so Nancy will pursue awarding the winners.

Congratulations on the election of our Club Members and City Councilman, Devin Middlebrook; South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District board members Nick Exline and Jim Jones; and County Supervisor, Sue Novasel.

**Thank you** to the many members of our Club that assisted with campaigns and rallied around those we endorsed as representatives of our Community, our County, and our Country.

**2. Approval of minutes (Nancy):**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2018, MEETING: Larry Pedigo

SECOND: Aletha Nelligan

DISCUSSION: None

RESULT: Motion carries

**3. Chair's report (Nancy for Sue):**

- Tue, 11/13, EDCDCC Meeting – This was a debriefing of elections results:
  - +Voter turnout was good; 57% for District 4 and 67% in El Dorado County.
  - +There are now 460,000 registered voters in CD4, up 60,000 from last mid-term.
  - +There was a 15-point swing between Derlet's campaign and Morse's campaign v. McClintock.

This was the highest percentage improvement, for the Democrats, for any House race.

- +Don't expect certified result, in California, until early to mid-December.

More data will be posted on our website when Allyson returns. See enclosed notes from Sue.

- +Sierra Forward will continue their work with an expanded purpose (see Strategic Planning topic, below).

+EDCDCC will likely partner with Rural Constituency Office in co-locating office. They must be out of current office by Nov 28. This partnership may also encourage opening satellite offices in effective areas: El Dorado Hills and South Lake Tahoe, to name a few. Staffing continues to be a concern. Offices will be of strategic importance for 2020 election.

+A Strategic Planning committee and subcommittees are being formed to address three areas: 1) Policies and Issues, 2) Civic and Political Engagement, and 3) Candidates and Elections. The first steering committee meeting is Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

+Future EDCDCC meetings are: Nov 20, Dec 18, and Jan 15 (2019).

**Sue will post the following on the next MailChimp: Recruiting!!**

**County Level:** We have at least one opening to represent South Lake Tahoe serving on the Central Committee (vice Mike Patterson). Interested people should plan on being involved starting in January. (See sign-up roster.)

**State Level:** Run for office as an ADEM (Assembly District Election Meetings); held every two years (Saturday, January 12 or Sunday, January 13 and Saturday, January 26 or Sunday, January 27 of 2019) to elect 7 women and 7 men to be Assembly District Delegates (ADDs) to represent the Assembly District where they are registered as a Democrat. (See sign-up roster.)

ADEM positions are representatives to the State Convention while someone representing the EDCDCC may be nominated as one of five representatives to the State Convention. *We also need alternates for the EDCDCC rep(s). In person and call-in are both options to participate.*

**Congratulations to SLTDC 2019 Executive Committee:**

- +Chair, Sue Chandler
- +Vice Chair, Rob Rosett
- +Secretary, Nancy Gibson
- +Treasurer, Liz Zapalac
- +Community Liaison Cadre: Frank Riley, Diane Verwoest, and Aletha Nelligan
- +Member-at-Large, Tom Makris

**SLTDC Meeting Schedule:** No December meeting. Next General Meeting is Jan 24, 2019; followed by Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, and Jun 20. All are confirmed for Lake Tahoe Pizza beginning at 6 p.m.

**4. Treasurer's report (Jodi):** As of November 15, 2018, \$588.15 in the bank. We are solvent and not anticipating any significant financial obligations (see Budget discussion).

**5. Membership update (Nancy):** Today, we have 151 Club members; 13 current with 2019 membership dues. Another 13 paid this evening. Thank you! We encourage all members to pay their dues, in full, by Jan 31, 2019. That will insure we can commit to community-related activities and support throughout the year.

**6. Program:** None. Today's focus is completing old business and promoting new business for 2019. (See sign-up roster to generate ideas for 2019 programs.)

**7. Old business: Keeping Kids Cozy (Diane Verwoest)** – Collecting clothing donations with focus on winter snow gear—waterproof pants, jackets, boots, gloves, hats. Cash donations also accepted and earmarked for clothing purchases. Diane, working with liaison cadre members Aletha Nelligan and Frank Riley, and Jodi who has active contact with area schools, will meet on Dec 1 to coordinate other drop-off points and arrange for delivery of items to the appropriate community entities for distribution. *Diane received donation receipt, from Boys & Girls Club, on 12/19/18; gave to Club on 1/16/19.*

**2019 Proposed Budget (Nancy)** – Distributed at October meeting and online via MailChimp. Minimal expenses (~\$1,500) paid through membership dues. Finance Committee will prepare a mid-year report to reflect any additional fundraising needs based on ongoing development of Club Community Actions (see below).

MOTION TO APPROVE 2019 BUDGET: Frank Riley

SECOND: Robert Erlich

DISCUSSION: Liz, who will be assuming the Treasurer role in Jan, asked for clarification regarding \$100/mo meeting room projection. Jodi explained this is only programed for planning purposes and is relatively low, intentionally, though sufficient to cover costly rooms rental needs, should they arise as the year progresses. Better to have it programed, and not need it, than the reverse.

RESULT: Motion carries.

**8. New business: Club Community Actions (Diane Verwoest)** - Soliciting input and prioritizing community activities that complement our mission: Advocating for equality and progress in our community. Seeking active participants through sign-ups and insuring action that represents our Club well.

The urgency of the fire tragedy in Paradise and surrounding communities generated a firm commitment to assist; both personally and on behalf of the Club. Folks discussed Jessica Morse's actions she listed in a November 12 mailing. Some members said they'd seen the message and others said they hadn't. Nancy will ask that Sue resend to all members. A number of prospective recipient entities surfaced: North Valley Community Foundation, Red Cross, the Presbyterian Church in Paradise, Soroptimists, and Habitat for Humanity. Locally, Lake Tahoe Unified School District employees are collecting as is the Lake Valley Fire Department (taking donated items today and tomorrow, Nov 15-16). Cash and gift cards are preferred (such as Target, Safeway, CVS, and Amazon). After much discussion, the following motion surfaced.

MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$200 IN CLUB FUNDS PLUS ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DONATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB, IN GIFT CARDS AND/OR CASH; GIVEN TO A REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION AS DETERMINED BY JODI AND DIANE; IN SUPPORT OF CAMP FIRE VICTIMS. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT FIRST CHOICE, BARRING ANY ADVERSE RESEARCH, WILL BE TO THE NORTH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. SECOND CHOICE WILL BE THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH JESSICA MORSE WHO IS ON-SCENE AND MAY HAVE CONTEMPORANEOUS SUGGESTIONS: Larry Pedigo

SECOND: Liz Zapalac

DISCUSSION: Members were very involved in crafting this motion to insure the Club expenditure wasn't open-ended while also meeting the intent of helping those in need with both Club and individual donations.

RESULT: Motion carried

Additional discussion centered on the need to develop a separate donation fund for member-approved disbursement(s) to future emergency needs. This will be brought forward as a motion in the Jan 24 meeting. \$150 was donated from Club members and earmarked, tonight, for fire victims. Jodi and Diane will craft a Club-sponsored letter to the recipient organization, to include these Club and individual contributions, to be delivered no later than Dec 15. Subsequent donations will be assessed following the Emergency Funds discussion on Jan 24.

Other ideas for the Club's involvement in our local community included:

+Warm room

+Bread & Broth (opportunity [tentative] for Jan 30 participation with \$300 donation—may need to pass the hat at Jan 24 meeting if our participation becomes firm)

- +Rapid Response (need to define focus efforts: political, social, environmental)
- +Live Violence Free
- +LTCC Student Food Bank
- +Outreach to Latino community (Cinco de Mayo, soccer clubs, etc.)
- +Boys & Girls Club, at Al Tahoe, recently lost major donor. Raley's has stepped up and there is potential here for Club assistance and visibility.

Members would also like to continue with the Keeping Kids Cozy drive for winter 2019/20 and beyond.

Realistically, the Club's pool of active volunteers is small and, given 2019 will also kick off the 2020 election season and draw much of our attention, the above list needs to be researched and pared down to no more than 3 activities. The Community Liaison Cadre will develop suggested proposals providing specifics that address the time and energy necessary to insure the Club's successful participation. One member commented, "Just tell me what's needed and tap me for a specific task. I can't become involved if I don't know what is expected." The Cadre will report back at Jan 24 General meeting.

**Campaign Sign Collections (Rob Rosett)** – Gathering addresses so Rob can collect yard signs (Rob passed around a clipboard to collect this information).

**9: Member Comments:**

- Diane also rolled out a Pink Glove fundraiser and show of solidarity for women's causes. Pink sweater gloves are available for \$1/each glove and can be used by those wishing to stand with women (ex: during Women's March) when not comfortable in a pussy hat. She also mentioned PIE=Party Includes Everyone; selling pie slices as possible a fundraiser.
- Larry offered to contact members to remind them of calendar year dues to be paid by Jan 31. Checks can be mailed to: P.O. Box 10104, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158.

**10. Adjourn:**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:28 P.M.: Larry Pedigo

SECOND: Frank Riley

DISCUSSION: None

RESULT: Motion carried.

## Overview of Post-Election de-brief with the El Dorado County Central Committee - Nov. 13, 6pm

### 1. Election Results:

Voter turnout was good - 57% overall in CD 4, 67% in El Dorado County  
There are now 460,000 registered voters I CD4, up 60,000 from the last midterm  
Voter registration is high, with work needed in Madera and Fresno county.  
Difference between Derlet and McClintock in 2016 was 25%, Difference between Morse and McClintock was 10% - a 15 point swing. The average swing in the house was 10%  
In Eldorado county Jessica ran 5 points better than the average democrat

### 2. Election and campaign Research:

Certified results will not be available until early or mid-December

### 3. Sierra Forward:

Will continue. Perhaps with a more expanded purpose.  
Discussion also included the possibility of a CD4 rural office - perhaps located in Placerville to be shared with the EDCDCC.

### 4. Strategic Planning:

Three areas that need to be addressed are:

1. Policies and Issues
2. Civic and Political Engagement
3. Candidates and elections

The steering committee will be responsible for the structure of the work including oversight of process and action plans.

Their first meet will be on Monday the 19th at 7pm

Future EDCDCC meets are scheduled for Nov. 20, Dec. 18, and Jan. 15

### Related to this to bring up at the meeting on Thursday:

Ask if any of our members want to be involved at the **county level**. We will have at least one opening since Mike will no longer serve on the central committee. I will put this info out in the next MailChimp as if people are interested they should plan on being involved starting January.

If people are interested in getting involved at the **state level** they might want to consider running as an ADEM. ADEMS become delegates to the state convention. The other way to attend the convention is as a representative of the El Dorado county central committee.

About ADEM: <https://www.cadem.org/our-party/adem>

About the Democratic Party: [https://www.cadem.org/our-party/adem/body/DSCC-Overview\\_Composition.pdf](https://www.cadem.org/our-party/adem/body/DSCC-Overview_Composition.pdf)

How to get elected as an ADEM: (this is a good article but dates are not accurate because it was written two years ago.

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2016/12/4/1606315/-How-to-Bc-a-Party-Insider-Win-California-ADEM-Elections?fbclid=IwAR03eVwTrIfkkZTYMer5E4CzIMFum4I-tbwOMhYXHBpFT21PWSxvzyrDmHA>

I will write a short article about this to be included in the next mailchimp which I will send out this weekend or early next week. If you could get the draft minutes to me by Monday I will include them.

Thanks for helping. Sue