

Sonoma Valley Democrats Virtual Gen. Mtg. Minutes, 6:30pm, Sept. 25, 2023

1. **Beth** – Meeting convened at 6:35 PM. Board members present were acknowledged (Carol, Joanne, Bob). 22 attendees participated
Announced: Sonoma County Democratic Party’s “Launch To Win In 2024”
Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 am to 1 pm, Campaign Headquarters, 448 Sebastopol Ave., Santa Rosa, learn how YOU can help elect Democrats <https://sonomademocrats.org/>
Announced: Sonoma Valley Postcard Action: bethh@sonic.net to be on email list

2. Financial report, **Bob Baeyan**, Treasurer

- a. We have about \$3000 in checking and in Savings \$450.
- b. Westerbeke funds raised: We took in \$2,070 in dues and contributions and \$746 from the raffle.
- c. Jason Berlin from Field Team 6 reported that overall, the total raised was \$16,925. This includes the raffle, the Act Blue page, direct donations to Jason at the event, and a matching fund of up to \$10,000.

3. **Teri Shore** – update on SDC, she discussed the following:

1. SDC EIR Lawsuit – no updates
2. SDC Developer plan – state housing streamlining
3. Community responses – Call for Public Meeting
4. Valley Action Team – flyering and sign on letter
5. Possible new traffic and evacuation study by community

Q&A included: Who would pay for the evacuation study – the community
Link to Press-Democrat article: <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/citizen-groups-sue-to-block-sonoma-developmental-center-environmental-repor/>
For more info/questions or to receive a flyer with talking points and emails of our State Reps and Governor, contact Teri at: terishore@gmail.com

4. **Cynthia King**, CEO of Community Action Partnership Sonoma County, will discussed the proposed ballot initiative for Sonoma County: "Our Kids Our Future," which will expand funding for childcare and early learning in Sonoma County (<https://www.ourkidssonoma.org/>). Q&A followed with various questions answered. A motion was made and seconded for the Sonoma Valley Democrats to endorse “Our Kids, Our Future” and the majority of members present voted to endorse.

5. Other announcements: Marty Bennett discussed the recent action at the Sonoma Fairmont Mission Inn by Unite Here Local 2. Workers and Community Leaders presented a petition to Fairmont Management to not impede their workers right to unionize. Beth attended to represent the Sonoma Valley Democrats.

6. Next meetings –

- a. virtual SVD Board meeting – Monday, Oct. 2, 9:30am
- b. Oct. Virtual General Meeting – Monday, Oct. 23, 6:30pm,

AB 1207: Measure to regulate marketing and packaging of cannabis products.
Speaker: Lynn Silner MD

