

SVD Virtual General Meeting Minutes: 6:30pm, Jan 23, 2024

Board: Hadley, McDevitt, Cesar, Martin, Taylor, Suarez

Zoom: 41 participants

- 1. Beth Hadley – Welcome & elected announcements**
 - a. **Please pay dues**, \$20 for calendar year, go to svdems.org
 - b. **Crab Feed** - Feb. 23, 5:30pm, Veterans Memorial Hall, SR, sonomademocrats.org
 - c. Dr. Mary McDevitt's **Healthcare Update for January** is on our website: svdems.org
 - d. **LPG Tanker Resolution** on website. SVMAC mtg, 1/24, 6:30pm, City Council Chambers. Hadley and McDevitt plan to attend. Beth will present our Resolution.
 - e. **Sonoma Valley Postcard Action**: email bethh@sonic.net
- 2. Financials: report deferred**
- 3. Larry Martin** - Requested volunteers for Phone banking for Will Rollins (CA-41). Aimed at newly registered voters. Goal to contact 250 voters. email indigo.soco@gmail.com
- 4. Omar Figueroa** - Candidate for Judge for Office No. 6. Graduate Stanford Law. Experience in Cannabis and Civil law. Website: omarforjudge.com .
- 5. Candidates for the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee**: Candidates for Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee (SCDP). 8 candidates for 5 positions.
Mike Smith: Long term organizer and activist. Served on Hospital Board. Member of SEIU. Concerns: Housing and Water conservation.
Leslie Graves: Event Planner, Activist, Graphic Design. SCDP Endorsement Chair, member of Communications Commi.. Concerns: Water conservation & use of waste water.
Bill Schauber: Retired Safeway Executive. Chair of SCDP Finance committee. Concerns: Development of Sonoma Development Center and affordable housing.
Larry Leonard: Mechanical Engineer. Treasurer of Central Committee. With Bill Schauber implemented new financial reporting system. Concern: Housing - should consider “Box Structure”. Main activity: to get more Democrats elected by training volunteers to canvass.
Carol Taylor: Board member of our Club. Member of the North Bay Labor Council, CA Democratic Party Rural Caucus & Senior Caucus.
Maria Peluso: Former labor organizer, past member of the Central Comm. Concern: Planning Comm. & City Council should consider a new definition of “Affordable Housing”.
Val Hinshaw: Chair of the Political Organizing Committee of the SCDP. Office Manager of the HQ. Concerns: Workers and Reproductive Rights and Single Payer Healthcare.
Gil Dong: Served as both Berkeley Fire Chief and member of City Council. President Union of Fire Fighters. Works on Disaster Preparedness for underserved communities.
Q & A: the following issues were discussed: affordable housing, water conservation, need to increase diverse representation for District 1, fire threat in Sonoma, Sonoma Developmental Center, working to elect Democrats.
- 6. 8:15 pm – adjourn**
- 7. Next meetings –**
 - a. Virtual Board meeting – Feb. 5, 9:30am
 - b. Virtual Gen. Mtg – Mon, Feb. 26, 6:30pm, Will Rollins