

## Sonoma Valley Democrats Virtual Gen. Mtg Minutes: Jan. 27, 2025

1. Beth Hadley - Please pay annual dues of \$30 per person <https://www.svdems.org/>
2. Financial Report - Bob Baeyan, Treasurer  
Checking - \$1973  
Savings - \$1100.71 (Scholarship fund)
3. Sonoma County Democratic Party Chair Pat Sabo urged all to attend the Crab Feed on Fri., Feb 28, 5:30 PM, Graton at Resort and Casino, Rohnert Park, Speaker: CA Senate President Pro Tempore Senator Mike McGuire. <https://sonomademocrats.org/>
4. 6:50 - 7PM - Nominations for SVD Officers. Voting will be at the next General Meeting on Feb. 24th, must be a member to vote.
  - a. President: Beth Hadley - accepted
  - b. Vic President: Wendy Moyer Metzler- declined
  - c. Treasurer: Bob Baeyan - accepted
  - d. Secretary: Mary McDevitt - accepted
  - e. Beth will accept any other nominations - contact her by e-mail. Also Beth urged anyone who would like to serve on the Board to contact her: [contact@svdems.org](mailto:contact@svdems.org)
5. Mike Thompson: Rep for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Thanked all for work during the 2024 election. The Republicans have the slightest majority in the house in the last 100 years. Urged all to work on the 2026 election. He got 6 of his bills passed in the last session of Congress. One removed tax on settlements related to fire. He also passed bill to allow telemedicine for Medicare. He continues his work to prevent gun violence. His main concern is that the government will run out of money on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Republicans are working on a "Reconciliation" bill to address this issue that will also give tax breaks for the rich. He noted that Insurance is under state control. Many insurance co have left CA because of the fire threat. Noted that in the past there have never been conditions on disaster relief to states. Regarding Cabinet positions, he thinks most will be approved in the Republican Senate. During the Q&A many topics were brought up. There was a general feeling that the Democratic Party has not responded to the election with any strategic plan to go forward. Concerns were raised about ICE coming into Sonoma businesses. Thompson said that a warrant is required for any such search and asked that his office be notified of any such entries or searches. Another member was concerned that the Dems no longer stand up for progressive issues and do not utilize social media to get their message across. Concerns were also expressed that the Biden accomplishments were not stressed or explained in understandable terms during the election.
6. 7:45 PM - Other announcements
  - a - SSU Town Hall Jan 30th, 3PM in the Student Center
  - b - Sonoma Valley Grange needs donations to fix their roof <https://sonomavalleygrange.org/>
7. Next meetings –  
SVD Board meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 3, 9:30am, via Zoom  
General Meeting – Monday, Feb 24, 6:30pm, Speaker: TBA
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM, Minutes by Mary McDevitt