

SV Dems General Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025 Board Present: Hadley, Suarez, McDevitt, Hill;
30 attendees on Zoom

1. **Electeds Present:** Jackie Elward. Rohnert Park City Council
 - a. **Friday Farmer's Market** Voter Registration. 1 ½ hour shifts. Will start this Friday. Need volunteers. Email bethh@sonic.net
 - b. **Listing of many opportunities** for action are available at Sonoma County Democratic Party in Santa Rosa. <https://sonomademocrats.org/volunteer/>
 - c. Please pay annual dues of \$30 per person <https://www.svdems.org/>
 - d. Ukrainian Fiesta and Art Show, Sun. May 25 2-5 PM, Sonoma United Methodist Church, 109 Patten. Crafts, music, food. \$15 <mailto:tarneyb@gmail.com>
 - e. June 14: No Kings Day -
https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblesonomacounty/event/788025/?referring_vol=10848082&share_context=dashboard-event-details&sharer_role=2
 - f. July 4th - Voter Registration and Info Booth in the Plaza, will need volunteers
2. **Financial Report:** \$360 from Film "Democracy Noir" showing. Storage paid: \$492.
3. **Judy Tipple: Field Team 6's** primary goal is Democratic **Voter Registration**. Urged all to consider weekly Field Team 6 trainings on texting, "**Social Storming**" and more. Studies have shown that post carding is effective.
4. **Norma Fogelberg:** Urges support of CA bills: AB 684 and SB 1243. "Make Polluters Pay". This legislation will do a cost study of total damage 1990-2024. Will use assessment tool to determine financial fine for each company. This legislation is needed to protect Public Health, advance Environmental Justice and stimulate revitalization of areas with housing and parks. These fines will not be part of the General Fund. These fines are based on CO2 emissions. For 2025 it is estimated that the cost of this pollution is \$250 Billion. These fines would represent less than 1% of the companies' profits. Legislation is now open for public comment. Vermont and New York have enacted Climate Superfund laws. 25 other states are looking into similar legislation. **Action:** Proposal to support this legislation was withdrawn. Members request time to evaluate and will vote on this issue at next General meeting.
5. **Working Families Party:** Marty Bennett, Una Glass, and Eric Vazquez.
 - a. Organization now present in 11 States since 2020. Present in CA since 2021. A North Bay chapter was established 18 months ago. In CA it is not a recognized "Third" political party. Its main goal is to elect Progressive Democrats and rebuild the Union movement. The organization also advocates for Environmental Regulation and stronger Anti-Trust laws. It targets the concerns of our young population. The Middle Class population has been decreasing, now at 43% from a high of 63%. It fosters non-violent mass action. It takes 3.5% of any population to overthrow an authoritarian regime. Presently working with Peace and Justice Center, Indivisible, AFL/CIO, Wine Country Young Democrats, and the Sonoma County Solidarity Coalition. WFP will train, fund and canvass for CA's 12th Assembly district and the 2nd Senate district of Mike McGuire. WFP also supports the self-determination of Palestinians and Ukrainians. Group worked successfully for the election of Caroline Banuelos to the Santa Rose City Council. WFP believes the Democratic Party cannot continue to be moderate and it must be more active.
6. Other announcements: None
7. Next meeting: Monday, June 23, 5:30 PM Board Monday, June 2 at 9:30 am
Minutes: Mary McDevitt

