

Mountain Bears Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2017

In Attendance - Officers: Mickey Laws, Stan Haren, Ken Crossner, Keith Martin. Members or guests: Glen Thompson, Yolanda Lyons, Marlene Crossner, David Martinez, Leonel Salazar, Helen Richardson, Scott Markovich, Barbara Martinez, Michele Martinez, Don Knight, Carol Kennedy, Karen Meadows, Emile Mullick, Katy Reed, Sue Walker, Lisa Morrell, Sybil Phillips and guest speaker Dr. Rita Ramirez

Meeting was called to order by President Mickey Laws at 7:05 pm. The agenda was accepted as presented, M/S by Ken/Glen. Introductions were held.

PRESENTATION – Dr. Rita Ramirez spoke passionately about her background and why she is running to represent us in Congress. “Let’s take back the House, let’s take back America!” was her underlying theme as she shared her views concerning how the GOP is abusing children by draining public education (charter schools) and that children deserve what we received, as children, or better. Rita railed against how the GOP wants to disrespect senior citizens by ruining social security and Medicare. She will defend seniors. Rita is appalled at how disloyal to those who serve and have served the GOP is. There should be no waiting a month for VA health care. We need to honor those who served. And Dr. Rita is very concerned with how the GOP wants to abuse Mother Earth by gutting the EPA and selling our National parks and monuments to the highest bidder. She concluded by encouraging all to not give up and to ask everyone we know, “Are you going to vote in June?”

10-minute break

Treasurer’s report – Ken

1. We have \$1,157.99 in discretionary funds (see handout for detailed report)
2. Thanks to all members that turned in their dues for 2017
3. Report was approved and accepted: M/S: Keith/Marlene

Secretary’s Report – Keith

1. It was moved/seconded (M/S) by Glen and Barbara to approve the minutes of our May meeting as they were presented.
2. Examples were shared of the postcards that David and Leo volunteered to pay postage and mail to registered party members in Running Springs. All shared their appreciation for their efforts.
3. Fishing report: the weeds are up, the Bass are off their beds, and fishing is a wee bit slow.
4. M/S Ken/Lisa to approve the secretary’s report as presented

Vice-President’s report - Stan

1. Those present welcomed our new Vice-President Stan Haren
2. No report available as Stan accepted the position a week prior to the meeting

President’s report – Mickey

1. The San Bernardino Central Committee is in the process of removing Chris Robles
2. A sign-up sheet went around the room (and was filled in) for volunteers to register voters at Market Nights in the Village. A chairperson is needed to coordinate the volunteers.....
3. Boxtops for Education: donate your boxtops (and get ‘em from your friends and neighbors) to

benefit the sixth graders at MPH. Drop them in the containers at the Blue Jay library or the thrift store in Blue Jay. Treasurer Ken is the new chairperson for this endeavor.

4. There will be a Town Hall on SB 562 hosted by the High Desert Young Dems in Victorville. The keynote speaker is Senator Ricardo Lara who co-authored the bill. It will occur on July 20 at 6:30 pm. Our club co-sponsored this event with a \$100 donation.
5. Mickey shared an idea that Sybil and she had concerning our high school scholarship fund. They thought that we might want to shift the moneys to the "Odyssey of the Mind" program at LAE. Keith pointed out that he and others have donated to the fund with the intent of helping high school graduates not fifth graders. The idea was M/S Glen/Yolanda that a chairperson and committee members will be sought and then the concept will be voted on at our next meeting.

Old Business – none

New Business –

1. Keith met with David and Leo and the printed 400+ postcards will be sent out to registered party members in the Running Springs area.
2. They also came up with the idea of our club participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program. If club members volunteer and do the clean-up of a two mile section of highway, it won't cost us any money and the club will be on the sign by the section of highway. Keith will work with CalTrans and David will be the chair of this group.
3. Three letters were shared/read that our club will send to various representatives at the state and national levels of the party. M/S Ken/Karen to mail the letters.

Promotions & Media report – Glen

1. There will be a "Justice in July Jamboree" on Saturday, July 22. See our website for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. Scott Markovich, club member and candidate for the State Assembly District 33, shared his campaign brochure with those present.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 7:00 pm, Alpine Meeting Room in Blue Jay

Adjournment: M/S: Ken/Keith at 9:10 pm