

Mountain Bears Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2017

In Attendance - Officers: Mickey Laws, Glen Thompson, Ken Crossner, Keith Martin. 10 Members or guests: Dennis Kobb, Sheila Ben-Hur, Stan Haren, Yola Lyons, Marlene Crossner, David Martinez, Leonel Salazar, Helen Richardson, Sybil Phillips and guest speaker Michele Greene

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 – Michele Greene spoke about *Adelante Arts*, new performing arts programs starting this summer on our mountain. There will be local classes and workshops on acting, theater production, creative writing, short film bootcamp, show choir, and more. These on-going classes will be taught by working professionals. An outdoor childrens theatre production will occur in mid-July and an adult theatre production at the end of July. For more details contact: 323.333.4165 and/or AdelanteArtsCollective@gmail.com and checkout: on Facebook: AdelanteArtsCollective, or AdelanteArts.org or twitter-Adelante_Arts.

10-minute break

Secretary's Report – Keith

1. Keith shared his recent experiences visiting the Hotel del Coronado while the RNC was meeting there as well as participating in the San Diego Indivisible action at the same time.
2. Previous meeting minutes were discussed and approved unanimously.

Vice-President's report - Glen

1. Our club is still in need of a new VP as well as members to take the lead on issues of concern.
2. It's time to staff our table in the Village on Friday nights where we register voters and mingle with neighbors and visitors from 4-6 pm.

Treasurer's report – Ken

1. We have \$1,178.08 in discretionary funds
2. Thanks to all members that turned in their dues for 2017.
3. Report was approved and accepted: M/S: Keith/Marlene, unanimous

President's report – Mickey

1. A sympathy card was circulated for Carol, long standing club member, on the passing of her husband
2. A detailed report was given on the recent state party convention held in Sacramento. Mickey was a proxy delegate, a position that club members may obtain if desired for future conventions. She focused on resolutions (a topic discussed in our previous meeting in great detail). There were three pages of 108 resolutions which the Resolution Committee winnowed down to 18. At Sunday's general session, three of these were debated at length. One just needed a phrase added. The other two were also passed, after much discussion. There was a SNAFU on our Nestle Resolution so it will be addressed at the next convention. Our new Regional Director is Darren Parker who is from LA County. Prop 13 Reform information will be available on our website. Kathy Kneer of Planned Parenthood retired after 24 years of service.

Old Business – see VP report

New Business –

1. David and Leo will pay the postage and Keith will donate the postcards to send a note to Running Springs registered Dem's. With Anna's help, we'll get together and get this done.
2. A possible joint dinner with the Big Bear Dem's was discussed. State Comptroller Dave Jones will be the speaker. Details when available.
3. Sheila stated that on this Friday a Holocaust survivor will be speaking at Rim High (in a classroom). It may be possible for club members to sit in at either 10 am or 11 am. Call Karen @ 338.7063 for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. A right wing group will hold an 'Anti-Sharia' demonstration in San Bernardino on June 8. Indivisible groups will be raising money to donate to either the SPLC or a San Bernardino mosque. Keith will keep members updated on this via email.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:00 pm, Alpine Meeting Room in Blue Jay

Adjournment: M/S: Ken/Keith at 8:22 pm