

Carlsbad Democrats General Meeting Minutes 2/22/23

Welcome: Kurt Fenstermacher (new attendee)

Guest Presenters: Yusef Miller and Destini Perkins

Meeting Agenda: Stephanie Wells made a motion to accept the agenda as presented seconded by Stuart Gaiber. Motion carried.

Minutes; Motion to accept as written by Stephanie Wells seconded by Vanessa Forsythe. Motion carried.

Statements by Elected Officials (1-2 minutes each)

- President Chih-Wu shared City Council Member Teresa Acosta will be having a Coffee Chat Sunday February 25 (RSVP to Teresa's coffee chat dwright@ucsd.edu) And City Council Member Bhat-Patel was flying to Idaho to advocate against allowing guns in school campuses.
- Cipriano Vargas (cipriano.vargas@sdcounty.ca.gov 858-285-5701) staffer for SD County Board Supervisor Lawson-Remer informed us that in the past year the Mobile Response Team responded to 3600 mental health 911 calls surplanting police intervention. 5 Regional Crisis Stabilization Units have been established. Next week SANDAG will be presenting on alternatives incarceration. There is a Senior Citizen Subsidy pilot program \$500/mo sign up (<https://www.countynewscenter.com/pilot-shallow-rental-subsidy-program-for-older-adults-now-accepting-applicants/>) Supervisors recognized unfair targeted discrimination of Jewish Community. Concern that SD walking environment and trails be maintained.

Announcements by Board Members Diana Aguirre, Community Service Chair announced she was chosen to be the 78th Assembly Democratic Representative with an EBoard seat vote on the Central Committee; her alternative will be Bill Fowler. Stuart Gaiber spoke about the benefits of participation in the Democratic Club and recognizing Veterans.

Board Election David Hall presented the Nominating Committee's slate for open positions. President Chih-Wu Chang agreed to serve another term. Slate: Director of Communication Stephanie Wells, Director of PAC - Amy Davis, Secretary - Vanessa Forsythe. There were no nominations from the floor. Slate presented 3 times. Nominations were closed.

Stuart Gaiber made a motion and Cipriano Vagas seconded to accept slate as presented. Slate passed by unanimous consent and David Hall affirmed the vote.

Sharon Bodon nominated by Stephanie to fill vacancy for Membership Chair 14 days notification vote next General Meeting (see addendum regarding Board decision to appoint Sharon to fill vacancy).

Kathy Rallings Carlsbad Unified School Board Member: indicated previous CUSD Board repeatedly delayed DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) strategic plan. New board in December when staff presented it did not move forward and the January workshop meeting was contentious. On Feb 3, it was determined at the board level to accept the overarching goals w/ prospective success indicators (district website w/ agenda and videos)

(<https://cusd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016722943/1218679748465/1925088611078765556.pdf?filename=Success%2BIndicators%2BDEI%2B2.15.2023.pdf>)

The plan is to have ongoing Town Halls and Surveys (sent out through Parent Square).

Stephanie Wells shared <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PJSXCG>

Film Ethics Study Course was on consent calendar but another board member brought up changes to syllabus although this was considered outside the usual process.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLyJrT9zzc8&t=14202s>, the discussion starts at 2:02)

Program

David Hall introduced speakers: Destini Perkins and Yusef Miller.

Both speakers spoke at McGee Park Memorial for Tyre Nichols. Destini is part of NAACP Students, Black Student Unions Friends Committee on National Legislation Issues in the Black Community.

Destini's Slide Presentation [Black Community & Substance Abuse Presentation](#) referenced "War on Drugs" and the impact on Black Community. She advocated for allyship to include: educate systemic issues, advocate for black co-workers, community and students as well as attend school board & city council meetings, support orgs NAACP, work w/ Black Student Unions.

Yusef spoke on Voting Rights after Civil War Amendments 13, 14 & 15 (African American Voting Rights in 1870) African Americans were part of electoral process held positions in all political office, then came barrier to voting rights including "grandfather clause" which disenfranchised Blacks that didn't have grandparents who voted in past. It took 100 years to get back from this, not until the Civil Rights Act in 1964 passed were voting restrictions taken back - still fighting for ending voting restrictions today.

Suggested Readings: “One Person No Vote” by Carol Anderson, “Allow me to Retort” by Elie Mystal, and “When Affirmative Action Was White” by Ira Katznelson.

Thank you Destini and Yusef:

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Adjournment 8:34

Addendum: By Board Members voting by email Sharon Boden was unanimously officially appointed to be our Director of Membership effective 2/23/23.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Respectfully Written by: Vanessa Forsythe