

DEMOCRATS IN SCSH MINUTES- 4/18/24

- 1) **Call to Order & Welcome. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda-** adopted by Carole & John
- 3) **Approval of the March 21 Minutes-** approved by Dave, seconded by Carole
- 4) **Reports of the Executive Team Members**

Treasurer- *Janet Kasdorf*- nothing new to report

Membership chair -*John Everett*- Welcome to new members

1'st VP and political action chair (GOTV)-*Judy Wilson-*

We are working on the 1650 Dems in SCSH to get them involved and join our club. 62% of Dems in our area voted in the primary.

Push is to look at nationwide critical races and to elect/ re-elect Dems and defeat incumbent Republicans.

Suggested races to support: Tammy Baldwin, Amy Klobuchar, Jackie Rosen, Sherrod Brown, Bob Casey, Tim Cain, Ruben Gallegos, Colin Alred, David Min (running for Katie Porter's seat)

2nd VP-communications-*Peggy Mathieson*-not present

Hospitality- Cookie not present. Diane provided refreshments .

Speaker- RL Miller- Climate Hawks

Organization founded in 2014 by RL. She is also a member of the DNC.

Discussion of Inflation Reduction Act-

Dems not getting out message about what's in act and what Biden has done for climate change. One issue is that countries favor certain industries to promote, e.g. Japan in the 1980's with cars. We don't have a formal industrial policy.

Key points-

IRA is clawing back all those jobs that have gone overseas by creating green jobs in red states. These jobs may be non-union, but they pay a living wage.

***invest.gov-** projects being built by the Biden administration
There's a lot of free money for non-profits in the form of non-competitive grants. You must spend money up front but then get reimbursed.

www.bit.ly-WHdirectpay

cleanenergy.gov

30% credit for solar panels

nofossilfuelmoney.org- pledge signed by politicians saying they don't take bad money.

Climatehawkvote.com- you can go to the site and sign up for emails.

Guest- Mary Jo Sanchez- running for COD board-

Emphasis on grass roots involvement. Kick off for campaign is on 5/15 from 6 – 8:30 at Mary Pickford Estate- Bubbling Wells Resort.

- 5) **Unfinished Business-** Vote on amended by-laws, passed unanimously. Visible on our website.
- 6) **New Business-** Discussion of recycling in our community. Procedure to start change involves bringing up a resolution, formation of a committee and then plodding ahead. Discussion at next executive committee on 4/26- 3pm.
- 7) **Next Month-** Meeting on 5/16 at **5:00 – 6:30**. Time adjusted to accommodate other function at Montecito starting afterward.

Speaker is a veteran who served at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

8) Motion to Adjourn

