

EASTLAKE-BONITA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Minutes APRIL 18, 2007

Attendance: 15+

Where: Bonita Library, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita, 91902

1. Social time with "Did You Know?" slide presentation
2. Pledge – 7:00
3. Mike welcomed members and guests from South Bay Dem. Club, made announcements about the upcoming CDP convention, and let members know that last month's meeting minutes are available at sign-in table.
4. Community Issues – short presentations
 - a. Russell and Alice Coronado presented an issue on how school board members are elected in the Chula Vista School District and the Sweetwater School District. They are working to change the policy so that elected board members must come from specific geographical areas, rather than at large. Currently, seats are assigned a number and people wanting to run must pick a seat number to run for – it doesn't matter where they live. Currently, there is a lack of representation as the majority of the Board members live in the same area. This group was seeking the endorsement of the EB Club. Motion passed by EB Club to support this community effort and have the measure placed on the ballot, if necessary.
 - b. PDA and the Democratic Convention – Vivian Sherrill for Judy Hess
 - c. Michael Vu, Assistant Register of Voters – Mike Thaller
 - d. Blackwater Security - Handout with upcoming presentations, including a film and book – Mike Thaller
5. GO Team and Democratic Unity Coalition South reports – Claudia Satriano
Jose Preciado made a suggestion to start a competition with EB Club and CDA (Chicano Democratic Association) on GO Team Precinct Leader recruitment.
6. **Feature Presentation – "Labor Issues in San Diego and Beyond"**
with Dennis Csillag – 30 min
National Relations Board – has gone unchecked:
 - When workers want to organize NRB delays election up to 8 weeks thus allowing admin to start scare tactics.
 - Channel 10 – tried to organize, NRB let the company delay indefinitely the negotiations.
 - All unions facing the same problems with NRB.
 - Grocery store union's new contract – must wait one year for health benefits.
 - California State University teachers have been negotiating for two years.
 - EmployeeFreeChoiceAct.org – Bill that is going through the congress now.

- Exporting Jobs – check aflcio.org
- Chula Vista teachers also negotiating – Jim Groth Union President
cvepresident@yahoo.com

Dennis's Message – TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE.

7. How to Register Voters and Opportunities to Practice– Vivian Sherrill

Very informative short workshop on how to register voters - anybody can register a voter. ROV will bounce it, if it is not correct. Opportunities to register voters:

- a. EB Democratic Club Booth at the Festival Cinco de Mayo in Chula Vista, 3rd Ave from E to G Streets, Sunday, April 29, shifts starting at 11:00 am
Contact Victor Cortez – ycor2@cox.net - to volunteer for Cinco de Mayo

For the following, contact Greg Bolian to volunteer - sdvoter@yahoo.com

- b. Earth Fair, Balboa Park, Sun, April 22 – 2 hr shifts starting at 10:00
http://www.earthdayweb.org/SDEW_EarthFair.html
- c. Roots Festival, Normal Heights, Sat. April 21 – 2 hr shifts starting at 10:00
<http://www.normalheights.org/events/rootsfestival/2007/>
- d. Naturalization Ceremony Voter Registration, Golden Hall, 3rd and B Street, Tues, April 24, at 10:15 to 12:00

8. Norberto Salazar made a motion to have an Education Committee and a chair that would be part of the Executive Board. It was seconded. Discussion followed. Jose motioned tabling it so the Board to review the idea. Members voted to table it. Mike asked Norberto to present his request in writing so the Board could review it. Norberto further inquired as to the status of the Executive Board meetings being open to the public. Currently, they are not - the Board will review the policy.

Motions passed:

1. Eastlake-Bonita Club endorsed the Petition to Establish Trustee Areas in the Chula Vista Elementary School District in San Diego County.
2. Norberto Salazar's motion to create an Education Committee was tabled.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Respectively submitted,
Claudia Satriano, Secretary