

HARVEY MILK LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB



Home of San Francisco's Queer Progressive Left

General Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women's Building

3543 18th Street, 2nd Floor

- I. General Membership Meeting was called to order by Board Co-President Laura Thomas at 7:10pm.
- II. Welcome from Co-Presidents Laura Thomas and Peter Gallotta
 - a. Introduced 2015 Executive Board elected at last month's General Membership meeting
 - b. Highlighted 2015 policy priorities: housing policy, CleanPowerSF, police reform, and increasing voter turnout and access
- III. Update on City College of San Francisco (Rafael Mandelman)
 - a. Explained parameters of City's lawsuit victory against its accreditor
 - b. CCSF still has to regain accreditation in the next two years, meaning that difficult road still ahead for the college.
- IV. PAC Report (Adam Mehis)
 - a. Main activity in last week's PAC meeting was panel discussion on CleanPowerSF.
 - i. PAC urged General Membership to pass resolution in support of CleanPowerSF.

By Unanimous Consent: General Membership voted to pass a resolution and send a letter to the PUC in support of setting not-to-exceed rates for CleanPowerSF immediately and establishing a launch date and/or period as soon as possible, and no later than September 30, 2015, and also encourage members to send individual letters of support to the PUC.

- ii. Pre-drafted letters in support of CleanPowerSF passed out for members to sign.
- V. Milk Club Happy Hour (Katy Birnbaum)
 - a. Monthly happy hour to be held every last Wednesday of the month
 - b. February's happy hour: Feb. 25 (6:30-9:30pm) at Gangway in the Tenderloin
- VI. Report-Back on Creating Change Conference (Laura Thomas, Roscoe Mapps)
- VII. Update on Youth Leadership Development Program (Lee Hepner)
 - a. Proposing to partner with Larkin Street Youth Services
 - b. Recommendations from the General Membership on potential avenues for partnership: former youth commissioners, local Gay-Straight Alliance high school clubs
- VIII. Report-Back on #TransLiberationTuesday Action (Laura Thomas)
- IX. Continued Discussion of #BlackLivesMatter from January meeting
 - a. Possible ideas for Milk Club's continued engagement
 - i. Raise money for the movement
 - ii. Push legislation to enact SFPD transparency and accountability
 - iii. Keep members updated on #BlackLivesMatter events to participate in
 - iv. Support #BlackFriday14

X. New Business

- a. Alex Walker: Protest at St. Mary's Cathedral tomorrow (Feb. 18) at 5:30pm in opposition to the Archbishop of SF's push for morality clauses
- b. Peter Gallotta: Salsa Sundays fundraiser for St. James infirmary and TGI Justice Project at El Rio, Sunday, February 22 (3-8pm)
- XI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.