

Redlands Area Democratic Club - Minutes
General Meeting – Redlands Teachers Association
Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11:00 am

Participants: 23

- Call to Order and Welcome. Lorraine Enriquez: 11:06 am
- Code of Conduct. Lorraine.
- **Approval of July 15 Agenda and Minutes of June 24, 2023. Without objection they passed unanimously.**

Program Speakers

Bill Emmerson, a member of the Little Hoover Commission, spoke about economic disparities between Coastal and Inland regions of southern California. The Inland Action Group advocates for San Bernardino County on these issues. In addition, Riverside has the Monday Morning Club, and Fresno has the Community Benefits Organization. These and others advocate for policies in the State Legislature.

Alex Vara, who is running for the Redlands School Board, 4th District, spoke about his priorities. He will run for reelection in November, 2024.

Club Events

- Summary of 4th of July celebration at Sylvan Park. The event was very successful and our club participated in the holiday parade for the first time.
- Future visit to the Cheech Museum in Riverside. We decided on August 19, from 2-5 pm. We will have a docent for the visit.
- Bylaws. The Executive Board is reviewing bylaw changes recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee for full membership approval.
- CADEM is going to have their pre-endorsement conference October 21-22. James Albert spoke about this. We have been trying to increase our membership so as to increase our representatives to the conference. We have to select our representatives to this meeting by the August general meeting. We need at least 20 members for each of our assembly districts to get one club representative at the conference. We need to edit the RADC questionnaire for political candidates who are going to be at the conference, and on the Primary Ballot, March 2024. James wants volunteers to work on updating the questionnaire.

Club Business

- Membership Report. Rhonda Stanton. We have 165 members.
- Communications Report. Tracy Wise. There has been an increase in visits to Instagram. We may join the Threads app. Women in the Senate and House are trying to resurrect the Equal Rights Amendment. Ethics Rules for the Supreme Court are being discussed in the Senate. Our local City Council is discussing mayoral election processes.
- Treasurer's Report. Gilda Gularte. Our beginning balance on June 25 was \$8,007. Our income was \$50, expenses were \$44, and our balance on July 14 was \$8,014. The

FPCC Form 460 for January to June is in preparation. There is a need for an Assistant Treasurer.

- GOTV (Get Out the Vote) Update. There is an active group working on this and will meet soon.
- SBCDCC Report
 - The Central Committee is offering training on PDI (Political Data Intelligence) use during elections. James Albert will be our main Administrator in the use of this tool.
 - Our own club President, Lorraine Enriquez, is now a member of the Central Committee for AD 40.
 - Written invitations will go out to all three Democratic California US Senate candidates to attend a forum in October.

Club Announcements

- Kristin Washington, Chair of the SBCDCC, suggests that we lobby against the Redlands City Council change in how mayors are elected. She prefers the current system where seniority determines who will become mayor, which would allow current Progressives on the Council to become Mayor.

Adjournment: 1:03 pm

Save the Date: Next General Meeting – August 19, 2023 at 10:30 am.