

Sonoma Valley Democrats Minutes - General Meeting 9/23/24 Zoom: 43

Board Present: Hadley, McDevitt, Martin, Suarez, Cesar, Taylor, Baeyen

1. **Electoral Activities:**
 - a. Harris/Walz yard signs will be available for \$15, contact: <mailto:bethh@sonic.net>
 - b. Next postcarding will be to Michigan. Beth will send out notice tomorrow.
 - c. Slate door hangers for the City of Sonoma will be available soon. Need volunteers to distribute
 - d. Pamela Harter reported that she is arranging for Voter Registration tables at Sonoma Market, Lucky and Safeway. She noted that an event at the Plaza would cost \$600.

2. **Financial Report:** Checking \$3,044.67 Savings \$ 801.01. Our Westerbeke event was very successful. We raised \$350 for our Scholarship fund and also, \$350 for Will Rollins campaign.

3, Tom Martin reviewed election dates:

- a. Registration requires that you be 18 and a USA citizen with a CA residence and have no felony record. Teens can register at 16 but not vote until 18. Sites to register Oct 21 to Nov 5th: Staples, CA Election Office in Santa Rosa, Public Library, DMV. You can also register on Election Day.
- b. Most will be mailed a ballot. You can return by mail or drop it in the "Voter" box at the Library parking lot, The Faith Lutheran Church on Arnold Drive, and the Sonoma Veterans Building. Must be mailed by November 5th. Further info call: 707-565-6800 or 800-750-8653.

4. **Congressman Mike Thompson** is sponsoring buses to Modesto on Oct 5 and Stockton on Oct 19. Contact Rebecca Hermosillo for details: Rebecca.Hermosillo@mail.house.gov

5. Sandra Lowe reviewed the Democratic recommendations for the Ballot measures

Section 1: Those passed by the CA Legislature: 1, 2,3,4,5,6 - **Dems recommend YES**

Section 2: Those placed on the ballot by signature collection: 31: Expand Rent Control in CA - **YES**

32: Increase minimum wage to \$18/hour - **YES**

33: Justice for Renters Act - **YES**

34: Healthcare Non-profits can use their funds only for Healthcare issues (**Dems took No Position**)

35: Keep tax on HMOs - **YES**

36: Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act (Dems urge No vote. (**Dems recommend NO**))

Local County Measures:

Measure I: Yes. 0.25 % sales tax for Child Care and Children's Health

Measure J: No. Restrict CAFOs

Measure W: Yes. Extension of the 0.125% sales tax to support our Library

Measure T: Yes. 0.5% sales tax for City of Sonoma to support infrastructure and development of a Rec and Park District.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised to which Sandra Lowe responded. Sandra mentioned that all City Commissions have at least 2 members from outside the City limits. She also noted that the City gives grants to Non-Profits outside the City limits.

6. Other Announcements: None

7. Next Meetings:

a. **Board: Monday, October 7th. 9:30 am**

b. **General: Monday, October 28, 6:30 PM**

Minutes: Mary McDevitt