

SV Dems Virtual General Meeting Agenda Minutes - 6:30pm, Feb. 25, 2025

Board Present: Hadley Cesar, Suarez, McDevitt. Taylor Zoom: 66

1. **Beth Hadley** – SV Dems President - announcements

a. The Sonoma County Democratic Party is offering opportunities for action, including a phone bank to contact the top 10 Congressional Republican Representatives in RED SWING DISTRICTS that were elected by the slimmest of margins, phone banks for WI State Supreme Court and for April special elections <https://sonomademocrats.org/volunteer/>
Discussion by members of various other actions, links put in chat, Beth will post on website: <https://www.svdems.org/news-2/>

d. Please pay annual dues of \$30 per person: <https://www.svdems.org/>

e. Wake Up Sonoma -Town Hall, Sunday, March 9, 1-3 PM, Sonoma Veterans Hall, RSVP - <https://www.wakeupsonoma.com/townhall03-09-25>

f - Sonoma Valley Grange needs donations to fix their roof - <https://sonomavalleygrange.org/>

2. **Financial Report** - Bob Baeyan, Treasurer, was absent. Balances as of Feb. 3rd were: checking - \$1973 savings - \$1171

3. **Mary McDevitt** will host a Zoom on 2/27/25 at 6:30 PM to discuss in detail, possible actions to respond to Trump's actions. Beth to send e-mail with Zoom information.

4. **Voting for SVD Officers:** President: Beth Hadley, Treasurer: Bob Baeyan, Secretary: Mary McDevitt. Vote of members: No objection. Vote approved. VP position open, contact Beth.

5. **Tom Benthin**, Indivisible Sonoma County - "Moving From Resistance to Defiance"

Talk well received. Stated our need to oppose "Fascist Millionaires". We need to change our approach and focus on the resistance to Fascism. Tom will provide his slides to Beth. Peadar Dalton suggested that our members make regular statements at the Sonoma Council meetings re our displeasure with the Trump administration.

Some points discussed:

Active Confrontation and Opposition, Resist with Intensity of Purpose.

Working Families Party is active in 11 States

Will have to see how courts respond to Trump.

Communicate the stakes involved.

There is no more bipartisanship.

Appeal to those in the middle but don't curry favor

Work to hold purple districts.

Define what the Democratic Party stands for and fight apathy

Primaries are important. All Dems must vote.

Trump and Musk are illegitimate. We must respond with facts.

Rep. Thompson is having town halls. Send him stories how admin. is affecting you/your family

7. **Next meetings** – SVD Board meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 9:30am, via Zoom General Meeting - Monday, March 24, 6:30 PM, program TBD

Recorded by Dr. Mary McDevitt, Secretary