

Silicon Valley Young Democrats
General Membership Meeting Minutes
South Bay Labor Council
Monday, August 16, 2010

I. Welcome/Introductions (7:10pm)

Welcome and introductions from members and guests. A special introduction from Cameron Johnson, the new deputy regional director of CBAY for our area.

II. Officer Reports

a. President

Introduction to South Bay Labor Council (SBLC)

SBLC is starting a group for young union members called Next Generation Bay Area. This group is starting because young union members are not as engaged, and their participation in politics and social issues is a potential for social change in the area. They are excited about working with other groups, like SVYD. Currently they are working with the Nurses Association for the Celebration of Women's Suffrage and a Protest of Meg Whitman on August 26th in Sacramento. A bus to Sacramento is being organized. We've been asked to send up 10 young democrats on the bus. Maureen will be contacting members to attend.

The first meeting of Next Generation Bay Area is September 16th at 7pm in the Labor Temple.

b. VP of Membership

Maureen will be calling everyone to invite them to the August 26th march.

c. Treasurer

We paid to keep our domain name, svyd.org. We also made a donation to CYD's Black Caucus. We will be organizing a BAYMEC After Party as a fundraiser. Let Jeremy know if you would like to help in planning the event. Jeremy will also be putting together a Finance Committee, please let him know if you are interested in being on the committee.

d. Secretary

No Report

e. Political Director

GOTV for Laird Tomorrow

Election Day is tomorrow. GOTV is from 6am-8pm out of the Labor Temple

Political Calendar sub-Committee

Andrae will be setting up a new endorsement committee. Let him know if you are interested in being on that committee. From that committee a sub-committee will form to make our upcoming political calendar.

Upcoming kick off events

Xavier Campos for SJ City Council (D-5) Campaign Kick-Off August 21 at 10am

Don Rocha for SJ City Council (D-9) Campaign Kick-off August 28 at 11:30am

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Candidate Q&A: Peter Leroe-Munoz for Gilroy City Council.

Consider early endorsement of Peter. Peter is currently the Deputy DA and running for Gilroy City Council. His biggest issues are to work on gangs and downtown revitalization. VTA and CalTrain service might be cut, and he would like to try to keep that as well. He is a Democrat. It's a crowded field. There are 3 seats and 7 candidates. He is well over half of the fundraising goal. Started ground work two

weekends ago. He has been endorsed by Forrest Williams, Ash Kalra, some members of Santa Clara Valley Water District, and some past and present city council members. Two incumbents are running against him. Motion to endorse Peter, motion carries. Abstentions: Joseph Sanchez.

Andres – San Jose Evergreen Community College Board of Trustees – Area 4, Motion to correct our previous endorsement – motion carries.

b. SVYD Latino Outreach Plan discussion

Presented by Omar Torres. Many are worried about Latinos not coming out in November to vote. There is a need to work on voter ID for younger Latinos. Omar, Elias, and Adan are trying to create a Pp presentation to work on recruitment of Latinos to clubs and the Democratic party. They want to focus on immigration, education, and leadership development in hopes of keeping up high turnout from 2008. Most Latinos aren't registered to vote, so we may want to focus on voter registration. The next CYD E-Board meeting will have training for Spanish speaking leaders in the party. It would be helpful to have headquarters located closer to Spanish speaking areas. Creation of more Latino alliance coalitions would help. This club and others may want to establish a position on this issue. Creating Spanish literature or English/Spanish literature could be part of the project too. Making partnership with PACT or other faith organizations. This will be an ongoing effort, that won't stop after November. Swanee opening office in South County that we can use to reach Latino voters. Currently working with Chris Riley and EQCA. Make video rather than Pp. Conversation to be continued. Send suggestions to Omar.

b. Billy DeFrank event August 22 10am – discuss co-sponsorship

Walk/March/Rally for marriage equality beginning at the DeFrank center and going to Discovery Meadows where SJ Pride will be held. No cost to co-sponsor, we would just need to invite people. Omar and Maureen will be contacting members to sign up to go. Motion to co-sponsor the rally carries.

V. Announcements

Dem Caucus at SJSU will be planning debates/discussions concerning the race for the Governor's seat and Prop 19. Please let Alex Wara (559.871.6569) know if you have any contacts that would be good for either event.

Sally Lieber brunch will be Sunday, August 22nd in Mountain View. Please contact Andrae Macapinlac for more details at 707.334.3489.

New Leaders Council kick-off event is September 1st. Please contact Mia White for more details.

VI. Adjournment (8:08pm)

Next meeting - Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m., UFCW Local 5, 240 S Market St., San Jose