

## **Minutes - SVYD July Membership Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2013**

Called to order at 7:17 p.m.

### **I. Welcome, Introductions, and approval of Agenda**

### **II. SVYD Officer and Standing Committee Reports**

#### **A. President- Joshua Barousse (3 min)**

i. Peninsula Young Democrats (PYD) report (Cory Wollbach): Partnering with Peninsula coalition for voter registration

ii. Momentum (Matt Dalton) - Provides mental health services, would like support from Young Dems, and event keynote will be by Robert Kennedy, Jr.

iii. CYD Update: We are chartered with CYD. They are trying to mobilize in 16th district elections supporting Leticia Perez. At stake democrat 2/3 majority in state senate. Bi-annual Tahoe retreat will be in November.

ii. Bylaws committee - Time to review bylaws. President will appoint committee members. Committee will meet twice before submitting minutes at next meeting. If bylaws are not passed at next meeting, committee will meet two more times to submit for September meeting.

iii. Moving Forward - Youngs Dems will be on the ballot next spring and more awesome events are being planned.

#### **B. Vice President of Membership- Brandon Li (3 min)**

i. CYD API Caucus - Dues are currently being waived. Looking for new director

ii. New membership form- will be online by tomorrow. Will send link via email.

iii. College Committee - Launched. Lucas Ramirez will lead. Goal is to incubate College chapters until they are self sustaining

iv. New programs - Mentorships (currently hunting for mentors / form will be available to members seeking mentors soon), workshops (topics include Social Media, FPPC, Campaign organizing, nonprofits, candidate training, fundraising, policy forums, job hunting, and local political landscape), continue doing job postings, voter registration.

v. emails: We are now moving to Salsa .

#### **C. Secretary- Emily Ann Ramos (3 min)**

i. website/social media update

a. We are now on google+. This will allow the possibility of live streaming meetings

b. blogs will now contain job postings, agendas, and minutes

ii. technology committee

a. 2 goals: support technology needs of SVYD; become a resource for technology issues

#### **D. Treasurer- Amanda Montez (3 min)**

i. Financial update

a. took two trainings CA filing system

b. we were an FPPC filer since 2008

c. We will refrain from accepting our disbursing money for now

d. Bylaws will be updated to include steps to have a secure treasury and training for treasurer, clear and open process on donations and transactions

- e. We will hold off on accepting dues
- f. Updating membership database (Brandon's form)
- g. We are suspending all expenditures and transactions
- E. Political Director- Eric Hernandez (3 min)
  - i. Endorsement Update
    - a. 2nd year on board and would like to thank everyone involved in the last endorsement process.
    - b. Volunteers are needed for endorsed candidate Cindy Chavez for GOTV. Expect email
    - c. Next round of endorsements will be for Sunnyvale City Council
      - Gustav Larson attended last meeting
      - We will ask candidates to come to meetings
      - Will run a voter registration drive to support Sunnyvale elections
      - 3 Open seats a large
      - Issues may need be addressed like affordable housing in this election
      - 2 democrats are eligible for our endorsement
  - ii. H.R. 2454: Aaron's Law
    - a. Bill proposed by Rep. Zoe Lofgren and is currently in committee. Purpose to reform the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)
    - b. Endorsement proposed by Emily Ann Ramos
    - c. Opened for discussion
      - Members are not too familiar with CFAA and H.R. 2454
      - Jeremy Barousse points out favorable point that bill was proposed by local democrat Rep. Zoe Lofgren
      - Cory Wolbach Spoke in favor of the bill and and the progressive political activist it was named after
- F. Women's Leadership Committee - Laura Pedersen (1 min)
  - i. Meets monthly - 1st or 2nd Wednesday of month at Fairmont Cocktail lounge
  - ii. 2 goals: gender parity (via membership drives and word of mouth) and get an SVYD woman elected into office by 2016
  - iii. Laura will leave for Law school this fall. Samantha Pedrosa will take over
  - iv. Omar Torres points out SVYD history of women presidents
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
  - A. Get well card for active SVYD member Jordan Eldridge. He is doing fine after surgery.
- V. Announcements
  - A. Omar Torres: D2 walk on Wednesday beginning at Santa Maria Urban Ministry
  - B. Christina Ramos: Library commission / friends of the library feedback needed for D5
  - C. Jeremy Barousse : D8 roundtable coming up
  - D. Star Dormanesh: member of Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women - 40th anniversary fundraiser on August 23
  - E. Nick: Starting back up San Jose State Democrats chapter
  - F. Erica Schafer: Looking for GOTV volunteers for Teresa Alvarado D2 supervisor campaign

G. Alex Wara: from Jim Beals office - community coffee (August 16), Creek Clean up (August 24), Medicare event (October)

H. Corey Wolbach: Peninsula Young Dem meeting at Cafe Barone (August 25), Old Dot Society at Charles pub 8:00 p.m. tomorrow

I. Amanda Montez: Open Spaces district fundraiser - Free food / Monte Bello open space preserve with Jerry Hill, Jim Bell, Rich Gordon, Don Corsle

J. Eric Hernandez: Santa Maria Urban Ministry has a summer speakers program funded by the save summer grant. Past speaker was SVYD member and Campbell Union High School district board member Kalen Gallagher. Upcoming speaker will Raul. Eric is also co-hosting Young Professionals fundraiser for Cindy Chavez.

K. Joshua Barousse presented outgoing Secretary and Treasurer, Victoria Ramirez and Colleen Haley with certificates to thank them for their service.

VI. Adjournment

A. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mon, August 19, 2013 @ 7 pm- UFCW Local 5, 240 S. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113