

CDP Veterans Caucus
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of Aug. 11, 2021

Executive Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call: Chair Ron Cohen called roll in the absence of Antonio Chapa, Polly Counts, and Tai Sunnanon.

- A. Quorum was met with one Executive Board Member absent
- B. Corresponding Secretary Angela Scott will act as Recording Secretary for this meeting
- C. 11 people were present on Zoom

Committee Reports:

- **Communications Committee (Chair Angela Scott):**
 - Communications Committee met on July 28 to discuss the
 - www.vetticks.com is another site that veterans can register in for get free or discount tickets to various events (concerts, shows, hotel stays, etc)
- **Treasurer's Report (Lizet Angulo):**
 - Beginning Balance from July 2021 to August 2021 was \$5,845.55; Deposits: \$5,150.00 Payments: \$775.00; Current Balance: \$10,220.55.
 - 5 New members paid in August. As of July 31, 2021, 5 paid members were added, totaling \$125. – we have 143 paid members, 6 members did not renew, consolidated total is 203.
- **Organization Development Committee (ODC) Chair Report (Tai Sunnanon):**
 - Working on community engagement, two democratic clubs, will be featured on a podcast to share our goals.
 - Found biggest issues revolves around on preventing Veteran deportation.
 - Looking to create a NorCal Region to create a Dem Club.
- **Diana – Policy and Legislation Committee (PLC) Chair Report (Diana Love):**
 - Thank and acknowledge committee members (5 members)
 - Overview summary status of Bills, Resolutions... movement, some have stalled, become 2-year bills
 - Brief PowerPoint presentation of what to expect at the General Membership Executive Board Meeting – Aug. 25, 2021

- **Programs Committee (PC) Chair Report (Polly Counts):**

Old Business: Collaboration, Transparency, and Inclusion

- Supporting Veterans Legislation
- Providing resources for Veterans
- Expand Veterans Democratic Clubs in Central and Northern California

New Business

Whenever there is an Executive Board meeting, there must be at least a 10-day notice. We're set for Aug. 25 from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. CDP asked our approach. Their webhosting allots for 300 people and they will add more

Lizet made a motion and Diana seconded the motion to approve the \$500 spend to host the upcoming general meeting.

Diana mentioned that 45 minutes might be too long for the breakout room.

Jon Rines – enjoys working with Diana on the legislative committee. For the membership org, 45 minutes is a large amount of time. We should consider offering more time at the top of meeting.

Fernando – likes the Agenda but would like to make sure Diana has ample time to present on

Basil – believes creating new Vet Dem Clubs is of optimal importance. Wanted to know if there are any plans to address deported Veterans.

Diana – has taken on that project and has taken on a House Resolution to support that issue.

Basil – Assemblywoman Llorena helped to bring one Veteran home

Diana – be mindful that information will be limited due to Congress not in session. She will discuss history of bill, whether it's in appropriation

- D. Next Membership meeting is Nov. 17-21 – we will be entertaining speakers.
- E. During the May 1 convention, we have yet to be charged. In the past, estimates are around

Ron asked if hybrid would be considered for the next Caucus meeting in Sacramento. Majority of E Board prefer Zoom.

Lizet prefers Zoom for Caucus meeting

Ron received phone from someone in Los Angeles regarding native grounds be taken in Los Angeles. Ron recommended that Dem Clubs or the Los Angeles Central Committee in the area address this issue. This

happens to be another cemetery issue. When this occurred in Orange County, Ron recommended the same approach. Wants to encourage folks talk and help guide the callers to appropriate resources.

Fernando – please clarify regarding the burial grounds in East Los Angeles. He grew up in East L.A. and says he’s never heard anything about a burial ground for indigenous people.

Ron – issue is focused on East L.A., where the native lands haven’t been properly recognized. The group had also spoken with the City Council.

Diana – believes that more information should be acquired.

WHOVA is having an orientation – new platform instead of “Hop In”

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm. – Lizet moved, Basil seconded