



## MINUTES OF MEETING ON MAY 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

The emailed minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2007 were approved without amendment.

Treasurer Dick Millet reported that the Club has approximately \$600 on deposit after paying for charter membership and bank checks.

After calling all contacts suggested at the last meeting, the T-shirt committee came up with scant information on union shops that both make and print T-shirts. The floor was opened to further discussion. Larry Gonick said he has contacts re graphic designers, and volunteered to get back with information. It was suggested to ask at Farley's who did their shirts. Investigation will continue.

The Club website is under construction and close to operational (domain: [www.PhDemClub.org](http://www.PhDemClub.org)). Joni Eisen and Rebecca Shearin are working with Blue Utopia to create the website, which will be a simpler version than originally discussed, but will have email capacity as well as information on contacts, calendar events and pertinent links. There is an initial set-up fee, after which the monthly fee will be \$10. The site will be fully operational within the month.

Political Action Committee spearhead Rebecca Shearin was not in attendance, but we learned that the voter registration training for the April 14th T-Line opening on 3rd Street was rained out. We do, however, have a regular site for voter registration: Potrero Terrace Market at 990 Wisconsin. Joni, Alyssa and Kasha have volunteered to register voters. All volunteers are welcome; training will be provided.

The guest speaker, State Senator Carole Migden, was introduced by Joni Eisen. Sen. Migden represents the 3rd District in the California State Senate, which includes parts of San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties. She was previously a member of the California State Assembly (1996-2002) and Chairwoman of the California Board of Equalization (2002-2004), the nation's only publicly-elected tax commission. She also served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (1991-1996).

Sen. Migden is a SoMa resident, but has long been aware of and involved with Potrero Hill projects and issues. After giving a brief history of her background, she agreed to discuss anything of interest to Club members and opened the floor to questions. Some of the issues discussed included:

- Movement among states' Electoral College delegates to cast all Presidential votes for the actual popular winner
- Presidential candidates and '08 convention
- War: Elected California women have been opposed from the beginning ("moxie!")

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- How to involve young people in the democratic process
- Bill to keep foster kids in the system until age 21
- Clean energy
- High-speed rail
- Bottled water; recycling
- Clean Money bill
- Health care; single-payer bill; insurance companies' obstreperousness
- Local helipads: noise, pollution, safety
- Bill to label cloned food

Because of the heated interest in the helipad issue, Sen. Migden suggested bringing in representatives from both SF General and UCSF Mission Bay campus hospital to discuss the topic and answer questions.

After announcements of future events, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Kate Hilsenbeck, Secretary  
Potrero Hill Democratic Club