

Minutes Potrero Hill Democratic Club Meeting
May 3, 2016

Call to order: Vice President Tony Kelly, in the absence of President Joni Eisen, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Agenda: the agenda was presented via voice and no changes were made.

Presentation by Antonio Arenas, UNITE HERE! Local 2: the union is urging a boycott of the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf and Le Meridien hotels because of mistreatment of workers and opposition to the union's work to organize the workers. Arenas and a colleague provided a detailed list of problems faced by workers and the owners' tactics to prevent unionization.

The union presented a pledge to support the boycott that it is requesting organizations to sign on to. A motion was made and seconded to support the boycott pledge by the PHDC. While the members present strongly supported the motion, it was not approved because there was not a quorum. VP Tony Kelly said that he would take it to the Executive Committee for its review and action.

Announcements:

1. Bob Boileau discussed the Club's No on B stand and the Executive Committee's desire to quantify its influence on voter choices. People are urged to take No on B posters to display in their windows.
2. Tony Kelly announced the play, "White Rabbit/ Red Rabbit," and urged attendance - the proceeds from the night he performs (June 5) as the sole actor will benefit the SF Arts Democratic Club.
3. Tony Kelly thanked Sophie Maxwell for the door hangers printed for the June 7th election and sought volunteers to distribute them in the next 2 weeks. Volunteers are asked to contact Tony Kelly.
4. The June 7th meeting will be both a primary watch event and a party to celebrate Joni Eisen as she steps down as club president. It will be her last meeting as president. Tentatively it will be Il Pirata on 16th St.
5. The Potrero Boosters dinner will be on May 31.

Meet and Greet the Club's endorsed DCCC candidates:

The candidates in attendance were: Rafael Mandelman, Alysabeth Alexander, Petra DeJesus, Sophie Maxwell and Frances Hsieh.

Preceding the opportunity for members to meet the candidates one on one, the five candidates discussed the importance of reformers/progressives to improving the functioning and role of the DCCC.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Horowitz, secretary