



Tuesday January 6th 2009 Meeting Minutes: Prop 8 Aftermath and More

1. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. The agenda and December minutes were approved.
3. **Officer Reports:**

- Treasurer - Barbera Schrader

\$458.06 Starting Balance

\$343.60 T-shirts from Alliance Graphics

\$195 Post & Parcel Mailbox

\$15 Web hosting monthly (Blue Utopia)

\$553.6 total costs

\$110.14 in new membership

Current Balance 1/5/09 \$14.60, with (\$115.80) accounts payable

- Membership - Pat Cleveland
Annual Dues are due again - it's \$25 / year due at the start of the year. Please pay your dues as soon as you can - our Club bank account is essentially empty. You can pay dues online at the website http://www.phdemclub.com/join_us_online.php or by check mailed to 1459 - 18th Street, #152, San Francisco, CA 94107, or brought to the next meeting.

4. **Ac Hoc Committee Reports**

◦ **Email Blast Services**

Joni is using a new system to email the membership called Constant Contact. Several members said they are pleased with the quality of the email formatting. It costs \$15/month less a discount if we commit to a 6 month period. Quint asked if we could find a cheaper solution, and said he will investigate.

◦ **District 10 Supervisor Search Meeting**

Pat Cleveland spoke about the meeting with Steve Moss for the club to provide a regular speaking forum for potential District 10 supervisor candidates. The membership discussed if maybe it really is too early to be providing this forum. An attendee, Paul Wells, said he is contemplating running for the seat, and that speaking early may not be very attractive to the candidates.

- **Peaceful Safe Neighborhoods**

Ted Miller spoke about various items that have been covered by the committee. We need to do research and see if it is really getting more dangerous on the Hill or is it just an increased awareness due to previous lack of coverage. We should reach out to the Police Chief. What are the reasons/causes for violence in the district and what can we do to minimize it? Malia Cohen spoke to the Merchant's Association of Visitacion Valley about community policing. She also spoke with Pelosi's office and will be meeting with them later this week. What urban issues policy changes will make our community safer? An idea of creating an online presence to log violent events on the Hill was floated to deal with the issue.

5. **Featured Speaker for Prop 8 aftermath: Dave Chandler**

Quint introduced his friend, Dave Chandler, to the membership. Dave and his partner Jeff Chandler were plaintiffs for the CA Supreme Court case that established marriage rights for all Californians this June. Dave & Jeff's first marriage ceremony was back in 1996 - a religious ceremony. They have lived together for around 15 years and have two children aged 4 years and 18 months. Dave is friends with Kate Kendall of the NCLR that coauthored the CA Supreme Court case.

Dave gave a heartfelt account of his family's journey with marriage rights and Prop 8. He spoke about what it really means to his family and shared his belief that in the long term we will prevail. A full audio recording is available on the [PHDC website](#).

6. **Old Business**

- **Fair Elections Now Act**

Joni spoke about the Fair Elections Now Act in Congress, asked the membership to fill out postcards, and vote to send a letter to Pelosi asking her support of full public financing of campaigns. The club voted YES to send the letter.

7. **New Business**

- Frank Kingman introduced the club to a wonderful living history project called "StoryCorps" at the San Francisco Contemporary Jewish Museum. StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit oral history project that records people's life stories. Frank encouraged the membership to bring loved ones - especially elder family members - to the project to record living history. For more information, go to the website <http://www.storycorps.net>.

8. **Nominations of candidates for Executive Committee 2009**

- President: Joni Eisen
- First VP (Membership & Program) : Rachel Schapira
- 2nd VP (Political Action) : Ted Miller
- Secretary (Website): Quint King
- Treasurer: Barbera Schrader

Nominations are open all month - email or call Joni.

9. **Announcements**

- 4 bags full of food were collected at the Dec 2nd meeting, donated to the Food Bank and delivered by Barbera Schrader
- CA State delegate elections this Saturday - details on the club calendar
- Obama calls for MLK Nationwide Day of Service Mon Jan 19th

- Locally - GG National Parks, 3-hr shift, details on the club calender
- Neighborhood House BBQ end of Feb (Club is supporting)

10. **Next meeting Feb 3rd** - Election of officers for 2009. Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi safety, environment, and more.

Quint King, Secretary