



Tuesday 6/3/08 Meeting Minutes: Election Night: Potluck Meeting & Party

1. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. This month we met in a different location - 824B Carolina St. - the former location of "The Potrero View".
2. The agenda and minutes from last month were approved.
3. As a treat for the Election Night party, we ordered pizza for the club members from Goat Hill Pizza.
4. **Officer Reports:**
 - Treasurer - Barbera Schrader
Balance 5/27/08 \$2026.99, unreconciled balance 6/3/08 **\$1577.99**

\$119 for 1 year of MP3 audio hosting for the meeting audio and custom PHP forms support

\$180 Potrero View

\$270 charge back to Potrero Merchants Assoc (old treasurer mis-deposited checked into our account)

\$569 total costs (including charge back)

\$120 in new membership

- Political Action Committee VP - Joni for Rachel who is out of town
Please sign up for voter registration for an hour or two
- Secretary / Website - Quint King
The process to prepare the audio and PhotoShow after the meeting has been greatly automated so we should be able to post new content the same night as the meetings starting in July.
The PayPal process design has been simplified and should be working by July 1st
- **Club Bylaws**
 - **Amendments from last meeting**
There were two sets of amendments proposed to secure the membership list and insure the privacy of the membership.
 - The first amendment, a simple 3 sentence paragraph written by Joni Eisen states that "The list shall not be made available to the general public, and it is not to be used for any purpose other than official Club business."
This amendment passed unanimously.
 - The second set of amendments written by Patrick Doyle were aimed at providing an approved method for the Club to promote a particular candidate / proposition before the Club endorsement meeting. The discussion was overwhelmingly negative, a vote was called, zero ayes and a single abstention.

- **Reformatting**

Ron Miguel, Joni, and Lauren spoke about the ongoing project to reformat the club bylaws in a way that each item is called out in its own sub heading and the document as a whole is more readable.

- **Featured Speaker : Barry Hermanson**

Barry is a Green party candidate for Congress. He made an impassioned speech about the budgetary priorities of the US federal government - spending more than half of all discretionary spending for Iraq+Pentagon+Veterans. We spend \$656 billion vs. \$121.9 billion by China and \$70 billion by Russia. The "Axis of Evil" spends less than \$15 billion. Our infrastructure: bridges, highways, even our own Doyle drive need to be maintained and yet we choose to spend all our taxes on the military. See more details at <http://www.barryhermanson.org/>.

- **Guest Speaker : Nathan Purkiss and Steven Raspa**

Nathan and Steven spoke about the need for the city to pass a charter amendment to incorporate a Music and Cultural Sustainability Policy into the city charter. The club had questions about the proposal and Nathan agreed to return to our next meeting to answer questions and ask for our club's endorsement. There were three document handouts; here are links to all three:

- [Music and Culture Fact Sheet and Q&A.pdf](#)
- [Music & Culture Charter Introduced.pdf](#)
- [Music and Culture Legislative Digest.pdf](#)

- **Guest Speaker : Maxine Doogan**

Maxine spoke about the need to decriminalize prostitution and unionize sex workers. There was discussion of the issues of human trafficking and safety of sex workers and how these problems would be improved by decriminalization. An audience member, Barry Hermanson, trafficking and safety would be better addressed with legalization, not decriminalization. Maxine responded that decriminalization would not increase human trafficking, a result proven out in New Zealand.