



MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, 03/17/2022
7:00pm via Zoom

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✓	Freya Foley, President			✓	Jay Pflugh(acting), Communications Chair		
✓	Sheila Kay Riley, Vice President			⊖	Vacant, Policy & Research Chair		
✓	Lisa Andres, Secretary			✓	Melba Winsell, Elections Chair		
✓	Marilyn Odello, Treasurer			✓	Lisa Andres, Rules/Compliance Chair		
✓	Sheila Kay Riley, Membership Chair			⊖	Vacant, Finance/Fundraising Chair		
✓	Abel Chavez, Audit Chair (NVM)						

President Foley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all with a musical selection entitled, "They Dance Alone," written by Sting and performed by Mercedes Sosa and Holly Near.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Riley

II. DGR Program: Mary Ann Andreas, Tribal Council Member and Former Tribal Chair of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and Chair of the California Democratic Party Native American Caucus.

- a. Ms. Andreas reflected on her childhood taken from her tribal family and spent in colonizer’s boarding schools.
- b. She also spoke about the struggles and successes of indigenous people in CA.

- c. Ms. Andreas also spoke on action to defend the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) which is under attack by the right wing to undermine tribal sovereignty.
- III. Determination of Quorum – Ms. Riley confirms.
- IV. Accept Agenda
- a. Ms. Riley moves, Ms. Winsell seconds, passes.
- V. Approval of prior month's minutes (2/17/2022)
- a. Amended to include Ms. Riley's RCDP Report
 - b. Approval of prior months minutes as amended:
 - i. Ms. Reynolds moves, Ms. Riley seconds, passes
- VI. Officer Reports
- a. President's Report – Ms. Foley
 - i. Action Plan Discussion
 - 1. Organizing and Coalition Building Presentation
 - b. Vice President's Report – Ms. Riley
 - c. Secretary's Report – Ms. Andres
 - i. Eboard and General Membership Minutes distributed via email as appropriate.
 - d. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Odello
 - i. Written report submitted
 - ii. Detailed report submitted at 3/2/2022 Eboard Meeting.
- VII. CADEM News – Ms. Andres, CADEM Eboard AD 63
- i. Discussed CDP March Endorsing Convention (virtual)
- VIII. RCDP News – Ms. Riley, RCDP Endorsement Coordinator
- i. Delivered RCDP report
 - 1. Endorsements will be finalized on March 28th at special endorsement meeting.
 - a. Includes judiciary and DA's Race
 - ii. No consensus for CA 41
 - iii. Reorganizing meeting on April 11 for RCDP officer elections
- IX. Committee Reports – written reports submitted; time allowed for discussion
- i. Membership Committee Chair – Ms. Riley
 - 1. Delivered Membership Report
 - ii. Finance & Fundraising Committee Chair – Vacant


- iii. Communication Committee Chair – Mr. Pflugh (acting), Ms. Andres
 - 1. Mr. Pflugh discussed new website plans
 - iv. Elections Committee Chair – Ms. Winsell
 - v. Policy & Research Committee Chair – Vacant
 - vi. Rules & Compliance Committee Chair – Ms. Andres
 - 1. Discussed DGR’s endorsement bylaws when there is no endorsement from the RCDP.
 - vii. Audit Committee Chair – Mr. Chavez
 - 1. Discussed Q1 Audit preparation
- X. Unfinished Business
- a. Inventory of DGR Materials – Carryover
- XI. New Business
- XII. Announcements/Candidate Statements
- a. Fauzia Rizvi for Assembly District 63
- XIII. Next Meetings
- a. Next Eboard Meeting: 6:00pm, Tuesday, April 6, 2022, via Zoom
 - b. Next General Membership Meeting: 7:00pm, Thursday, April 21, 2022, via Zoom
- XIV. Adjournment: 8:36PM
- a. Ms. Riley moves, Mr. Pflugh seconds, passes.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Andres
Secretary, Democrats of Greater Riverside

March Treasurer's Report

DEMOCRATS OF GREATER RIVERSIDE		MARCH 2022
BEGINNING BALANCE		
Checking acct balance BEGINNING 2/28/22	\$4,918.02	
REVENUE		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,010.77	
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11.60	
ENDING BALANCE		
Checking acct balance ENDING 3/31/22	\$5,917.19	
IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES		
In-kind service or goods received		
imprinted booth table cover		
gift certificate prize green onion rest.		
gift certificate prize Marie Callendars		
		
<i>Marilyn Odello Treasurer 4/1/2022</i>		
<u>Account Details</u>		
DGR checking[****8142]		
CURRENT BALANCE \$5917.19		

AUDIT REPORT

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AUDIT REPORT (**Audit Chair-Abel Chavez**)
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2022

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Democrats of Greater Riverside as of 05 April 2022 and the related statement of income and changes in fund balances for the period 1 January 2022 through 31 March 2022. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and other such audit procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances for a fund operating on a modified cash basis.

I certify that I am a club member in good standing and held no voting office during the period 1 January 2022 through 31 December 2022.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements correctly present the financial position of the Democrats of Greater Riverside as of 05 April 2022 and its revenues collected and expenses paid for the period then ended.

ABEL CHAVEZ

04/05/22



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abel Chavez".

AUDITOR COMMENTS: The balances provided between bank statements are correct. The beginning balance should be stated before the first withdrawal/ deposit.

DEMOCRATS OF GREATER RIVERSIDE
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2022 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2022
STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	4761.54
<u>INCOME</u>		
FUNDRAISERS	\$	
MEMBERSHIP	\$	251.00
INTEREST	\$.60
OTHER INCOME	\$	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	251.60
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
MEMBERSHIP	\$	1407.25
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	1407.25
NET INCOME – GAIN (LOSS)		1,155.65
ENDING BALANCE	\$	5917.19

DGR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
 For April 19, 2022 DGR Monthly Membership Meeting
 Data Effective 5:00 pm, Sunday, April 10, 2022

2021 Members				
	Regular Members			99
	Associate Members			4
		2 have moved out of the area		
2022 Work				
	Current Regular Members			59
		SKR: I need to do some more research about these numbers		
	Current Associate Members			1
	Joined 10/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	3		
	Joined since 1/1/2022			
		Just joined on their own	9	
		Responded to 2/12/2022 e-mail or Snail Mail	29	
		Associate Member joined in response to 2/20/2022 e-mail	1	
		Joined in Response to 3/17/2022 letter	13	
		Former Members e-mail out sent 3/24/2022	2	
		Really Former Members who joined in response to email sent on 3/24/2022	1	
		Referred by Freya and joined	1	

		in response to 3/18/2022 email		
		Attended 2021 & 2022 DGR Meetings and joined in response to 3/20/2022 email	1	
More 2022 Work	<u>Recent Outreach</u>	2021 Members who have yet to renew despite being sent email on 2/12/2022 and postal mail follow up on 3/17/2022	Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send follow-up email with notation that this is a follow up to email & postal mail and we really, really want you to continue to be a DGR member and essential that we all join to work together to elect Dems. There are 52 remaining as 1 2021 members has moved out of state. • Lisa will send out something to all via Mail Chimp list what we've had at our 2022 meeting thus far; join now! • When anything goes out electronically, there will be a link to join now. 	
		Really former members ¹	53 emails sent on 3/24/2022 & 2 have joined (shown above) Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will send via postal mail to those that don't have email and there are 8. • People with emails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send follow-up via postal mail to the 3/24/2022 e-mail. There are 59 remaining. 	

¹ 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019 Former Members: 62 names of which 53 have e-mail addresses and 9 who have no email address

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa will send out something to all in Mail Chimp list what we've had at our 2022 meeting thus far; join now! • When anything goes out electronically there will be a link to join now.
		Referred by Freya	<p>Sent via email on 3/18/2022 to 7 people; 1 has joined as of publication date. Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion: Send via postal mail to the 6 remaining folks.</p>
		Attended 2021 & 2022 DGR Meetings per Registered via Zoom & Attended & SKR could find in PDI	<p>Sent via email on 3/20/2022 to 18 people; 1 has joined as of publication date. Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will follow up via postal mail to the remaining 17. • Lisa will send out something to all in Mail Chimp list what we've had at our 2022 meeting thus far; join now! • When anything goes out electronically there will be a link to join now.
<u>Next Steps after above is completed</u>	Folks who have liked our DGR Facebook Page and/or Group		
	Lisa will see if she will be able to post a link on the FB page: to the DGR Join. Those who respond and are registered Democrats and live in Riverside County – can be a full member; if they are registered Democrats and live in CA but not registered in Riverside County, they can be an Associate Member.		
	Always after every meeting: Continue to follow up to folks who attend our meetings. Those who respond and are registered Democrats and live in Riverside County – can be a full member; if they are registered Democrats and live in CA but not registered in Riverside County, they can be an Associate Member.		
	Area Elected Democrats		
	Folks who receive our DGR Mail Chimp Blasts		

	Steps include:	All of the above will first be send join DGR request via e-mail and then approximately 20 days later via postal mail if this is the direction of the DGR e-board
		Before sending: Via PDI, verification that they live in Riverside County are currently registered as Democrats
Comparing 2021 DGR Membership to 2022 DGR Membership:	Joined 10/1/2020:	10
	Joined 1/1/2021 – 3/31/2021	71
	2021 Members effective 3/31/2021	81
	We are <u>22 Members behind</u> in 2022 compared to where we were at this point in 2021	
Please note: Sheila is not good with numbers so if numbers don't totally add up, that's why. Detailed numbered information is really an estimate based on Sheila's counting and re-counting.		



Your Riverside County Democratic Party is continuing to do the hard work to keep the wheels of democracy rolling. We are asking you to participate again in our monthly donation program. With your support in 2020, the Riverside County Democratic Party sent mailers to 137,000 households, made over 990,000 phone calls, and sent more than 175,000 text messages to elect Democrats up and down the ballot.

To Be more effective and achieve more in 2022 we need your financial help and it is easy with the VICTORY 2022 program. Help us to defend important local seats and in the mid-terms with VICTORY 2022!

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/rcdpvictory2022>

Local Candidates that need and are most critical.

Fauzia Rizvi Assembly

<https://www.facebook.com/fauzia4ad63>

<https://fauziarizviforassembly.com/?fbclid=IwAR2All4hgo7BTbLgQ56v7Epox3ShpD4dTp59oEBWt2T1Fx9oFYrq1BgsmfM>

Will Rollins for Congress

<https://www.facebook.com/WillRollinsForCongress>

https://willrollinsforcongress.com/?fbclid=IwAR0dZYZzpewV6OmDCanyOfamzO6xknJyphmeo9vbPIfQ_q8UVwcdDQhgVpo

Submitted for April 21 DGR Melba Winsell

Communications Report

Joseph "Jay" Pflugh, Acting Chair

Democrats of Greater Riverside secured their new website hosting service on March 11, 2022, as well as a new URL, which is democratsofgreaterriverside.com. Work began earnestly to bring the new website up and running, which required an absolute overhaul of the previous website. Diligently working to complete this task, the website went "live" officially on April 5, 2022, in full. Since going "live", DGR has received 3 membership applications through the use of our new membership application form on the website, and 0 contact forms. The next task to fully complete this overhaul is the creation of website-branded email accounts for the various officers' positions, which can be used by future persons in these officer positions; this task should be completed within a week or two, depending on availability of other officers to assist in finishing the creation process.

In the future, it would be my hope that the website can be used by more than just future members of the club, but perhaps future guest speakers or even candidates. As the Contact form is completely up and running, the form would be handled by me (the Webmaster), and, depending on the subject matter of the Contact form, would be sent to the appropriate officer in charge of the matter. This way there is no one person receiving all of the correspondence and crossing of information unnecessarily.

Lisa Andres, Acting Co-Chair

1. Created True Blue Riverside April Newsletter with Earth Day theme an emphasis on March Speaker Mary Ann Andreas's discussion about the vital preservation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the right's attack on it as a pathway to dismantle tribal sovereignty to take oil and mineral rights.
2. Used our mail chimp and social media accounts to send out some local candidate announcements for campaign kickoffs, meet and greets, fundraisers, and phone banks
3. Continued a social media campaign of posting regularly for various days and holidays as well as timely, Democratic-positive messaging
4. Recommend that if Mr. Pflugh becomes the permanent Communications Chair that my role on the Communications Committee be as assigned to the committee either as a member or as a subcommittee leader for social media/email marketing

Rules and Compliance Report - Lisa Andres

Recommend immediate consideration of revision of Article II, Section 6, Paragraph a., regarding DGR's endorsement of candidates who are not endorsed by the Riverside County Democratic Party and/or the California Democratic Party. While it makes sense that the County and State parties who grant our club charter would not wish us to endorse a candidate which had either been refused and endorsement or had soundly been voted down by voting members or delegates, it does not make sense that these same Parties would wish to deny clubs the opportunity to endorse on their own when the result of an endorsing caucus or vote ends in "No Consensus" as opposed to "No Endorsement", especially if the Party(ies) explicitly grant Clubs the freedom to endorse as they please upon a "No Consensus" result. This bylaw has been a great frustration to many DGR Members. An amendment to this bylaw will be submitted per Article X, Section 2, Subsection a., Amendment of Bylaws as soon as is practicable.