



**Democrats of Greater Riverside**  
*P.O. Box 51120, Riverside, CA 92517*

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Thursday, 11/17/2016**

**7:00 pm**

*Large Meeting Room*

*Casa Ortega*

**1690 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507**

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. by President Gregory McKinley-Powell.
2. Brief welcoming remarks by the President.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. The roll was taken by the Secretary and a quorum was determined to exist for this meeting.

**Officers Present**

X	Greg McKinley-Powell, President	X	Bob Melsh, Vice President
X	Marc Feldstein, Secretary		Deborah Bennett, Acting Treasurer
X	Mary Feldstein, Membership Chair*	X	Mary Feldstein, Communications Co-Chair*
X	Charlene McKinley-Powell, Finance Chair	X	Marilyn Fishbeck, Communications Co-Chairs
X	Bob Melsh, Elections Chair	X	Mark Hannassee, Audit Chair
-	Bonnie Ladore, Rules Chair	X	Phyllis Purcell, Special Senior Issues Chair
---	Vacant, Policy & Research Chair		* = Indicates a person occupying multiple positions

Other members and guests present: Rafael Elizalde and others who did not complete an entry on the evening's Sign-In sheets.

5. Approval of Agenda, as presented. Approved.
  - A. Program / Guest Speakers / Candidates:  
Representatives from State Senator Richard Roth's office discussed what Sen. Roth has done during the past legislative session and his plans for this session.
  - B. Rafael Elizalde announced his candidacy for the Ward 6 City Council Seat.
6. Reading (waived) & approval of the prior meeting's (10/20/16) minutes. Approved without changes.
7. President's Report, Gregory McKinley-Powell – discussed what DGR accomplished over the last year; overall club is doing well.
8. Vice President's Report, Bob Melsh – concerned that Congressman Paul Ryan wants to privatize Medicare.
9. Secretary's Report, Marc Feldstein – not present, no report.
10. Treasurer's Report, Deborah Bennett – Not present but sent report. Report received, reviewed and filed.
  - a. \$2,477.27 in account.
11. Committee Reports.
  - A. Membership Development, Mary Feldstein – encouraged people to join. 5 new members signed up tonight.
  - B. Finance, Charlene McKinley-Powell – no report.
  - C. Communications, Marilyn Fishbeck and Mary Feldstein – announcement for next meeting will be in Press-Enterprise.
  - D. Elections, Bob Melsh – see Vice-President's report.

- E. Policy & Research, Vacant - No report.
  - F. Rules, Bonnie Ladore – will move in January to remove associate member status because is against the rules of the Central Committee.
  - G. Audit, Mark Hannassee – no issues to report.
  - H. Other/Special committees
    - 1) Special Senior Issues, Phyllis Purcell – no report.
12. Elections –
- a. Nominating Committee announced the following slate:
    - i. President – Gregory McKinley-Powell
    - ii. Vice-President – Charlene McKinley-Powell
    - iii. Secretary – Marc Feldstein
    - iv. Treasurer – Deborah Bennett
    - v. Membership – Steve Ivanovich
    - vi. Finance – no candidate
    - vii. Communications – Christine Roberts
    - viii. Elections – Brenda Bell
    - ix. Policy and Research – Bob Melsh
    - x. Rules – Bonnie McFarland
    - xi. Audit – Mark Hannassee
  - b. Motion to close nominations and accept the slate unanimously – M: Bob Melsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlene McKinley-Powell, passed.
13. Unfinished Business - none
14. New Business - none
15. Open Discussion – Discussed results of election and potential future actions.
16. Announcements –
- a. Next Executive Board meeting January 3, 2017. Next General Membership meeting January 19, 2017. No meeting in December.
  - b. Anti-Trump rallies are scheduled to take place the evening of Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> and the afternoon of Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> in Moreno Valley.
  - c. City is putting together commission to oversee how funds from Measure Z will be spent. Members encouraged to apply to be on the committee.
17. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene McKinley-Powell  
Acting DGR Secretary