

**Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee**  
**General Meeting Agenda**

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January 25th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1901
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
  - 1) Acknowledgement of the past month and our struggles, counting our blessings and we're here for each other. (Andrew)
  - 2) Land Acknowledgment – Andrew
  - 3) Guests: Lani Faulkner, Dorene Kastelman, Senator John Laird, Felipe Hernandez
  - 4) Members:
- III. Agenda Changes
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1) M/S/P ( Cynthia / Joe )
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - 1) Dorene Kastelman, JDCSV
    - i. Introduced club, had Q&A and discussed chartered.
    - ii. Contact her for more information at dorenesworld@gmail.com or jewishdemssv@gmail.com
  - 2) John Laird presenting on Legislative efforts. (Andrew)
    - i. Reviewed legislative actions, helping people get benefits, saving Watsonville Hospital. Review of storm effects, climate change and budget considerations.
    - ii. Took Q&A.
  - 3) Democrat of the Year (Andrew, Tony)
    - i. M/S/P (Tony/Glenn) to accept the special awards by consent.
      1. Lowell and Wendy Hurst received the Lifetime Achievement Award
      2. Joe Thompson received the Rising Star Award.
    - ii. Democrat of the Year: Diana 20-4
  - 4) District 1 Delegate Election Replacement (Andrew)
    - i. Speeches by Edward and Lani, followed by Q&A
    - ii. Edward elected 19-5-1, Lani will be his alternate.
  - 5) Peggy, Lani, Edward, Joe, Bodie, and Rafa sworn in by Andrew.
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. Book of the Month: Saving Us by Katherine Hayhoe
    - ii. Shout to our agency and elected officials for the work this month.
    - iii. Special thanks to Keith, Cynthia and Tony for office cleanup work.
    - iv. Thanked Eshoo for her representing us at a recent event.
    - v. ADEM balloting in process.
    - vi. DCC delegates next month.
    - vii. Slate of officers coming to next eboard meeting.
    - viii. Andrew sent out the form for people to sign up for committees. 19 have signed up so far and the rest are being reminded.
  - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
    - i. Cleaning up the office.
  - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
    - i. Reviewed report, see online file.
    - ii. Pitch for dues.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. Pitch for alternates.
    - ii. Discussed subcommittee rationalization.
  - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola, Leslie Steiner
    - i. March 18<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner at Seascape Golf
      1. Leslie moved to approve a budget of not to exceed \$11,000 , Pat seconded. Passed by acclimation.
    - ii. Ticket price: \$135
  - 6) Public Relations – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
    - i. Website undergoing renewal, due to domain changes.
    - ii. Joe Thompson is working on Instagram

- iii. We have a Mastodon site.
- 7) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro
  - i. On hold for a little bit, taking a break until spring.
  - ii. Lani: MLK youth event this weekend, see group email.
- 8) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer
  - i. No report.
- 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
  - i. Discussed a Federal senate bill to recognize local tribes. There will be a resolution presented at the next eboard meeting.
- 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
  - i. Looking at empowering ADEMs to do voter reg and canvassing.

VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Laz Meiman
  - i. No report.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Linda Kerner / Monica Martinez
  - i. Next meeting is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have Supervisor McPherson on storm issues.
  - ii. Monica introduced herself.
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette
  - i. Program Saturday January 28
  - ii. The impact of overturning Roe vs Wade with Jen Hastings- MD and clinical professor at UCSF, Alena Chavez-The California Reproductive Health Services Core and Julie Burkhart-Overarching landscape of reproductive rights.
  - iii. Attend in person at the Santa Cruz Police Community Room (155 Center Street), or via Zoom ( <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83919386901>. Meeting ID: 839 1938 6901 -- no passcode required ).
  - iv. Peggy: coordinating a climate change meeting at Cabrillo, March 16<sup>th</sup> and will bring a sponsorship request to the DCC next month.
- 4) MDCD – Denise Elerick
  - i. No report.
- 5) PVCCDC – Ryan Jones
  - i. Celeste: Meeting last Monday.
- 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
  - i. We lost Peter Nichols, Sandra’s husband.
  - ii. PDC will meet tomorrow.

IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
  - i. No news on new RD.
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
  - i. The no “PO Box rule” has the caucus furious due to unreliable local mail delivery in many rural parts of California.
- 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
  - i. No report.
- 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
  - i. We will be working on April 4th Wisconsin State Supreme Court election which will determine legality of redistricting and abortion.
- 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Diana Alfaro
  - i. House Matters House Party sold out, can still donate at: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-matters-x-collective-house-party-tickets-510404482547?fbclid=PA\\_AaaA1yYDG1\\_zfQOb4EGLPgbF1shnZj9-KdEpMBBp9uVa8CLQBXPJpUtSqo0](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-matters-x-collective-house-party-tickets-510404482547?fbclid=PA_AaaA1yYDG1_zfQOb4EGLPgbF1shnZj9-KdEpMBBp9uVa8CLQBXPJpUtSqo0)
  - ii. Scotts Valley Housing Element meeting tomorrow night: <https://kimley-horn.zoom.us/j/96797759689>  
<https://scottsvally.org/445/Housing-Element-Update>

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Process for Cabrillo rename, survey here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NameSuggestionSurvey\\_Jan2023](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NameSuggestionSurvey_Jan2023)
- 2) Jenni: Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is having an event at the Rio Theatre on Thursday, Feb 16 at 5:30 PM with Featured Keynote Speaker Mother-Daughter Duo Asm Gail Pellerin and Emily Chaffin! Sponsorships available. Tix \$25 at [www.ppmarmonte.org/together](http://www.ppmarmonte.org/together)
- 3) Lani: Please join us in a week of amazing events free to the community in bringing awareness about the importance of access to equitable public transit as a Civil Right. <https://equitytransit.org/transit-equity-day-2023/> Our National Organizer is Labor Network for Sustainability <https://www.labor4sustainability.org/transit-equity-2023/> This coming Monday Jan 30th is an amazing line-up of fantastic leaders in the Transit, Urban Development, Safe Streets, and Affordable Housing arenas. We are hosting this event at the Resource Center for Non-Violence and you can sign up here and see the BIOS of the panelists and speakers in Watsonville here: <https://www.mobilize.us/equitytransit/event/547775/>
- 4) Cynthia: Photography event by Bodie’s dad at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center.

XI. Adjournment 2058

**Next E-board Meeting: February 8th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: February 22nd, 2023 7:00p**