



SAN FRANCISCO for Democracy

SF for Democracy General Membership Meeting
November 30, 2006
General Membership Meeting Final Minutes

I. Welcome

20 in attendance, 18 voting members (see part VI.)

II. Approval of Sept. 12 General Membership Meeting minutes
Approved.

III. Approval of Agenda
Approved.

IV. The future of clean money (public campaign financing) in CA

A. Report from Joni, on California Clean Money Campaign

- * Newspapers bought opposition line that Prop 89 was not fair
- * CNA rushed proposition on the ballot before state was ready
- * Plan to go back to legislature for one or two races only
- * Two federal bills on clean money - letter-writing to Nancy Pelosi to support
- * Greg Ka. notes we should support the SF version since Prop. 89 lost

big time statewide

- * Sat., Dec. 9 Noe Valley meeting

V. SF for Democracy's organizational status

A. Tom presents baseline assumptions and background information, how our activities may be categorized as 1) political activities; 2) issue advocacy; and 3) community service, as well as our mission statement

B. Baseline assumptions

- * Mission statement: We: "support candidates and issues through a combination of education...community organizing and direct action at the national, state, and local levels."

* Key activities by category:

1. Political activities:

- endorsing candidates (all levels)
- volunteering for endorsed candidates
- inviting elected officials, candidates and experts to our meetings
- communicating these things to our members (& via press releases)

2. Issues advocacy activities:

- proposition recommendations

- partnering with public policy groups (eg: Community Choice)
- 3. Community service activities: Dean Corps

C. Mark presents report on legal consultations and recommendations, pros and cons of status as 501(c)4, as a 527 (aka Political Action Committee), and as a private corporation.

VI. Membership votes on:

- A. Continue all baseline political activities
 - Unanimous vote to continue.

- B. Pursue legal status other than 501.c.4
 - 14 votes to authorize Tom and Mark to file papers to become a political committee, none opposed. 4 abstentions.

- C. Approve of supplementary budget to cover legal costs, up to \$1500
 - Unanimous vote approved.

VII. What will outreach do between now and the next election

- A. Jeff presents continuing projects to promoting membership and meetup attendance for SF for Democracy, as well as advocacy for our issues: tabling, outreach to other groups.

- B. Tom proposed that new hand-out flyers be prepared to summarize our best Meetup programs (to promote membership) and our work in issues advocacy. The first flyer will be prepared by the Meetup Committee, the second by Political Affairs.

- C. Outreach brainstorm meeting scheduled for next week, Tue., December 5.

VIII. Other committee reports

- A. Administration: No news beyond what has been discussed.
- B. Program: Susan confirms speaker for next Meetup, Michael Collopy
- C. Membership: Tim reviews Meetup topics for January, SF local issues, homicide rate and pedestrian safety, potential speaker. Membership drive, current count is 100 members. Membership appreciation party on Saturday, January 20, 2005, 5-9 pm. Susan, Tom, and Tim volunteering, as well as call for more volunteers.
- D. Political Affairs: Mimi confirms meeting next Thursday.
- E. Communications: Tom presents on behalf of Will, who will be resigning because of other commitments at beginning of next year. Newsletters (the People-Powered Paper), the membership letter, and the Meetup list have all been sent out regularly. Will also reports that the People Powered Mailing list has increased to 2,100 names.

IX. Greg Ka. reports important meeting regarding ACLU issues happening next Wednesday, contact him for more information.

X. Meeting adjourned.

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