

Canada Crescenta Democratic Club Meeting Minutes
Sunday January 17,2021
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Welcome: President Lora De La Portilla opened the meeting at 3:03. Edith Young passed away January 13, 2021. She had been a member for 15 years. The Club honored her for her 97th birthday at our last meeting in November 2020.

Minutes from the November 15, 2029 meeting were approved as read.

Controller's Report: Bud Slotky reported that the balance is \$3,140. Please pay your dues to replenish our funds.

Membership Report: We have 190 dues paying members.

New Activism Opportunity: Flip the West: Suzanne Golbgerg presented this new opportunity. We worked with them in 2020 and 3 senate seats were flipped with 1 loss. This is an anti sedition campaign and exposes 7 California Congressmen who voted against the ratification of the Biden election. 1500 postcards are already being written.

CCDC partners with the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV). Incoming Chair Sean Rivas spoke to us about the benefits of partnering with 20+ Dem Club in the Valley. CCDC will have a rep to attend Joint monthly meetings.

ADEM Delegate Elections: Susan Mastrodemus is running along with Sean Russel and 2 others from CCDC for 1 of 14 seats.

Guest Speakers Karl Fenske, Esq., Anna Slotky Reitano, Esq., and Akio Katano, Esq., all Public Defenders spoke on "A Personal View of LA Co Justice from the Defense Perspective: they spoke about LA Co jail being the biggest in the world. Tax payers spend \$81,00 per year on each prisoner with almost none of that money going to rehab. We have 87% recidivism creating a circle of violence. They spoke about George Gascon, LA's new progressive District Attorney and how he has established reforms to stop the flow of, mainly, Black men into jail. And instead put them into rehab programs to reduce recidivism and increase quality of life. These reforms are based on research and data. Gascon is being sued by DA Union in which white suprematism lurks.

I left the meeting at 5:01.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Carolyn Young, Secretary