

## **SDDE General Meeting Minutes July 25, 2013**

Votes taken by voice vote unless otherwise noted.

President Doug Case called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**Announcements:** AIDS Walk in September planning underway, Auction items needed for Freedom Awards, a pair of Gay Men's Chorus "Feelin' Groovy" tickets being auctioned off at tonight's meeting, there's no meeting in August – picnic instead, Freedom Awards in September – nominations for awards needed by August, E-newsletter starts this month

**Upcoming events:** a picnic, Freedom Awards

**Tonight's Program:** We were supposed to have had Vince Hall for tonight's speaker but that changed with the Filner situation. We began the meeting with Carla Kirkwood reading a statement for the club to join various LGBT groups calling for the Department of Justice to launch an investigation into the possible violations of Trayvon Martin's civil rights. A motion was made to have the club join the various LGBT organizations in calling for the DOJ in the investigations into Trayvon Martins civil rights. **M/S/C**

We then proceeded to tackle the Filner situation. To encourage frank discussion by club members, a motion was made to hold a closed session. **M/S/C** This means that only paid members may attend and speak during the discussion and that everything said remains in the room. The County Democratic Party Central Committee also had a special meeting tonight so several of our members were at that meeting but came to ours during the discussion.

Several people got up to speak for and against the club asking for Filner to resign. As a result of the discussion, a motion was made to censure the Mayor and demand his immediate resignation **M/S/C** (vote taken by holding up voting cards) with a vote of 34 YES and 4 NO. After our vote, one of the Central Committee members gave us their vote of 34 YES and 4 NO for the County Party to demand resignation. Club member Mark Conlan wanted a record of his NO vote in the Minutes.

As a result of the vote tonight, Carla will draft a club statement for the press that will spell out our stand on issues and principles. Someone also suggested that the Club sponsor a sexual harassment training and ask the LGBT Center to join us in this. Another person suggested that the Club be much more cautious in vetting candidates who seek our endorsement. There will be no August meeting. Our Club picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and time and place TBA.

**September meeting:** We have scheduled Council President Todd Gloria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Gwizdak,  
Secretary