

IBDC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2023

The Imperial Beach Democratic Club held a hybrid meeting, in person at the Seaside Candy establishment at 150 Palm Avenue, IB., and via Zoom

1. The business meeting (following the social mixer) was called to Order by Marti E at 6:01 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Marti E.
3. Rick B moved, and duly seconded, that the Agenda be approved, and hearing no opposition the Agenda was approved.
4. Yvonne V moved, and duly seconded, that the Minutes of October 6/22 meeting be approved, and Paula H offered an amendment to correct the typo of Felicia's name, and with that amendment, hearing no further opposition, the Minutes were approved. Sandy B moved, and duly seconded, that the Minutes of December 10/22 meeting be approved, and hearing no opposition, the Minutes were approved.
5. Paloma Aguirre's Comments are moved to be received out of order.
6. Antonio M moved, and duly seconded, that the slate of new Officers for the Executive Board of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club for 2023 and 2024, be approved as follows:
 1. President, Anna Webb
 2. Vice President, Mary Doyle
 3. Treasurer, Anne Pilgrim
 4. VP, Outreach, Josie Hamada
 5. VP, Communications, Sandy B
 6. Member at Large, Yvonne Vasquez
 7. Member at Large, Pat Flowersit is noted that Secretary, Win Heiskala, is serving the remainder of her term as Secretary through the end of 2023. Hearing no opposition, and all in attendance voting unanimously, the slate of new Officers for the Executive Board of the IBDC for 2023 and 2024 was approved. Marti E called for nominations from the floor for Executive Board Member, VP, Membership, and Ben Swearingen was nominated. Fran J moved, and duly seconded, that Ben S be approved as VP of Membership to the Executive Board for IBDC, and hearing no objection, the motion was approved.
Mayor Paloma Aguirre swore in the newly elected Officers of the Executive Board.
7. The Comments from Imperial Beach Mayor, Paloma Aguirre, were received out of Order. Mayor Aguirre thanked all members who supported her through her campaign, and discussed upcoming community issues and involvement.
8. Marti E presented Certificates of Appreciation to EBoard members Antonio Martinez, Win Heiskala, Paula Hall, Sandy Brillhart, Josie Hamada, Pat Flowers and Yvonne Vasquez. When accepting her certificate, Yvonne V informed the members and thanked Seaside Candy owner, Angela, who provided the meeting space facility and all food to the members at no charge to them or the Club!
9. Announcements:
 1. Councilmember Matthew Leyba-Gonzales, announced the 3rd annual 4th District clean up from 9 a.m. to noon, at a location to be announced.

2. Josie H announced and stressed the importance of support for the housing element in particular for Friends of the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center (IBNC), and announced a meeting on February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church basement at 550 Palm venue.
3. A discussion followed regarding the communication and coordination of efforts involving the residents of the trailer parks on Palm Avenue, their relationship to the future housing possibilities at the IBNC as well as the residents' current needs and organization.
4. Mayor Aguirre urged members of IBDC and the community to apply for boards and committee positions open with the City, as listed on the City's website.
5. Anne Pilgrim discussed the free food provided to recipients of government benefit programs. All that is required is that they present themselves to the Suncoast booth at the Farmers Market for \$30 worth of Farmers Market food vouchers.
6. Paula H thanked Marti E for successfully running for the school board and Councilmember Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez for representing District 4 very close to her residence and his fight against hateful rhetoric.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Win Heiskala, Secretary

Approved: March 2, 2023