

Amador County Democratic Central Committee
February 2, 2026
Minutes

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

1. Roll Call & Set Quorum

Members: John Ellyson, Gail Sweet, Robert Dalton, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Lori Jagoda, Luisa Almeida, Elizabeth McCulloch, Steve Christensen, MarySue Bizzarri, Maurice Bizzarri, Martijn Fenaux (Zoom), Jill Fenaux (Zoom), Sally Menges (Zoom)

Guests: Kim Grady, Joanna Yeh for Ben Allen (Zoom), Samuel Liu (Zoom), Ben Allen (Zoom)

Quorum set

2. Public Comment: no public comment

3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with correction of moving swearing in of officers by Kim Grady to item four.

4. Swearing in of Officers by Kim Grady, Amador County Recorder/Clerk:

- Chair – Steve Christensen
- Vice Chair – Lynne Standard Nightengale
- Secretary – Lori Jagoda
- Treasurer – Mary Sue Bizzarri
- Sargeant at Arms – Liz McCulloch

5. Approval of minutes – Liz made a motion to approve with a second by Lynne to approve January minutes. Approved.

6. Treasurer Report – Mary Sue and Liz report as follows:

- During January of 2026, the Committee received \$295.00 in recurring donations, and \$125.00 in 2025 Annual Dues (There may be a duplication of dues which will be resolved.)
- The 2026 Post Office Box fee of \$192.00 has been paid as has \$150.00 Chamber dues of for a total of \$247.00.
- Balance on hand is \$2448.51.

Motion made by Lynne with second by Gail to approve treasurer report. Approved.

7. New Business

- Guest Speaker – Ben Allen for California Insurance Commissioner. Ben states he has been a State Senator from the Los Angeles area for 12 years. Environmental protection, consumer protection, and fire insurance are some

of his priorities. See his website for more information:

<https://www.benallenca.com/>

- Approve ACDCC by Laws – postponed until next meeting.
- Resignation letter from Adriana Jensen – approved.
- Candidate Recruitment – an email was sent on 1/31/2026 to all Democrats and left leaning residents asking if they were interested in running against Brian Oneto and Jeff Brown in the upcoming election. Steve has not heard the results yet.

8. Old Business

- Social Media Committee – Lynne reports there are 850 members of the Facebook group.
- Executive Committee meeting – scheduled for officers on 2/11/2026 at 1:30 pm, Boilerworks Coffee Shop
- Fundraiser Committee Meeting – Lori would like to hold off until after the Executive Committee meeting to schedule.
- Audit Committee – Mary Sue reports per the By-laws when there is a change in treasurer, an audit needs to be done. Mary Sue has been introduced to the accountant and will be receiving bank statements. Bob Dalton has offered to assist with the audit review and help set up secure system for email transmittal.
- January 10 rally had seventy-five people in attendance.
- Phone for ACDCC – Program Lori found did not work. Discussion whether we need a phone number, as well as options to fill this need at least for the next year. Maurice will investigate <https://www.phone.com/> options and will report back to the committee. Other options suggested were a pre-paid burner phone.

9. Announcements

- Monthly Pro-Democracy rallies will be held on the first Saturday of each month. So far, Steve has a good response for this Saturday's rally, February 7 from 12-1:30 pm at the Hwy 49 and Trade Center Drive intersection by the McDonald's restaurant.
- Michael Masuda is hosting a town hall on Friday, February 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Jackson Civic Center.

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Jagoda, Secretary