

Amador County Democratic Central Committee
December 1, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

1. Roll Call and Set Quorum:

Steve Christensen, Lori Jagoda, Dana Mizell, Jim Mizell, Bob Dalton, Mari Galino, Luisa Almeida, Kevin Hempson, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Gail Sweet, Jill Fenaux, Martjin Fenaux, **Joe Kleinwood**, **Ken M. Tasty**, Debra McCarty, Liz McCullock, Sky Wallace, Kate Sills, John Ellyson

On Zoom: Mike Barkley, Liz Tone, Phil Ashworth, Stephanie Young, Michael Masuda, Brian Jobson, Michael Rock, Al Muratsuchi, Susan Lagomarsino

A quorum is present.

2. Public Comment:

- Mike Barkley continues to knock on doors and shopping for media
<https://mikebarkley4congress.com/>
- Michael Masuda has town halls scheduled and needs help to promote. More details to come. A meet and greet is scheduled for Church and Main St. in Ione on Wednesday, December 3. Amador house party Sunday, December 7. Mike reports his best fundraising month with approximately 600 donors. Reaching out to a variety of voters. Also was on NPR this morning.
<https://www.votemasuda.com/>
- Gail Sweet announced the meet and greet for Michael Masuda mentioned is at her house and all are invited.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved with corrections. 1st Lynne 2nd Mari

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved with corrections. 1st Liz 2nd Brian

5. Treasurer Report:

Liz reports the number of sustaining donors is decreasing. Currently, sustaining donors contributing \$295/month. Balance is \$2580.16. Liz will check ActBlue for who the sustaining donors are/were and send an email. Treasurer report approved. 1st Luisa 2nd Lynne

6. New Business:

- Guest Speaker—Al Muratsuchi, California Assembly Committee Chair and candidate for California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Muratsuchi introduced himself and shared his experience, including 11 years in the California Assembly and a Civil Rights lawyer.
<https://www.alforcaliforniaschools.com/>
- Guest Speaker—Kate Sills, candidate for Congressional District 5. Ms. Sills introduced herself and platform. She has lived in Sonora since 2021. She is a third-generation farmer and a software engineer. <https://www.katesills.com/>
- Election of officers: Per Lynne, elections are typically held every two years and were held a year ago. However, Liz has been experiencing health issues and Lori has expressed a willingness to serve as Secretary and MarySue as Treasurer. Liz will move to Sergeant at Arms. The Central Committee expressed sincere thanks to Liz for all of her years serving as Treasurer and we will be looking to her for continued advice and expertise. Liz and Lori gave verbal resignations and will also send Steve an email stating the same. The vote for new officers will be held at the January meeting. Steve will remain Chair and Lynne Vice Chair.
- Letter from Indivisible El Dorado condemning violence—Steve presented a revised version for Amador County to submit to local media for publication. Not a resolution but will be sent to the Ledger Dispatch as a letter to the editor, all members of the email list, and social media. Steve read the letter aloud and suggestions for amending some of the words used made. After these revisions, Lynne made a motion to approve the letter condemning political violence for publication in local media as amended. 1st Lori 2nd Brian. Approved.
- Phone for ACDCC—Liz shared RingCentral is currently used to forward ACDCC phone calls to her computer. An alternative is needed in order for more officers to access. Liz will do research on options and report back at the next meeting.

7. Old Business:

- Social Media Committee—Lynne reports the committee is meeting monthly. Maurice and Jill have been added as administrators to the Facebook group in addition to Lynne. All three can approve new members. There are approximately 800+ members. A new rule was added regarding posting only Amador Democratic issues to the group. Jill continues to monitor BlueSky.
- Update on situation with storage unit—Lori reports the unit is empty as of today. Thank you to MarySue and Maurice for taking items to hospice thrift store and the landfill. Fair boxes are being stored at the Bizzarri's and Lori has the tables, chairs, step ladder, and flags. Lori will check with Victoria Norwood regarding the large table currently at the Bizzarri's and ask if it can be used at the next yard sale. Steve will cancel the storage unit.

8. Announcements:

- Steve announced a tentative date for a “pro-democracy” rally in January from noon to 2 pm across the road from the Trump store.
- Liz announced the need for dates of meetings for 2026 to purchase insurance. Meetings are the first Monday of the month and if a holiday, the second Monday of the month.
- Debra McCarty from El Dorado County announce the CA5 group is looking to coordinate across all counties in this district.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm 1st Luisa 2nd Mari

Next Meeting:

January 5, 2026

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm