

Amador County Democratic Central Committee
January 5, 2026
Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

1. Roll Call and Set Quorum:

Members: Steve Christensen, Lori Jagoda, Bob Dalton, Mari Galino, Luisa Almeida, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Gail Sweet, MarySue Bizzarri, Maurice Bizzarri, Liz McCulloch, John Ellyson, Mitch Hodson (Zoom), Robert Enyeart (Zoom)

Guests: Michael Masuda, Mike Barkley (Zoom), Kate Sills (Zoom), Eva and Neil DeBella (Zoom), Michael Rock (Zoom), Nichelle Henderson (Zoom), Chuck Heimstadt (Zoom)

A quorum is present.

2. Public Comment:

- Kate Sills talked about the recent attack on Venezuela and her approach to running in this district. She has been running for one month and has six endorsements. She will be attending a Meet and Greet on Sunday, and all are invited. <https://www.katesills.com/>
- Mike Barkley continues to knock on doors and shopping for media <https://mikebarkley4congress.com/>
- Michael Masuda has been expanding his campaign since starting in May and had his best fundraising quarter with almost \$50,000 raised. Call Time software up and running. Series of townhalls are scheduled, starting in Madera. He has been speaking with about a dozen congressional candidates about STEM as a priority. <https://www.votemasuda.com/>
- Liz McCulloch advised Central Committee members they cannot endorse candidates as a member of the committee however can endorse as an individual. Also asked if the three candidates would commit not to switch parties if elected and all stated they would.
- MarySue Bizzarri reported that the storage unit was emptied and remaining items are here for everyone to take if they want. Steve Christensen volunteered to take any remaining items to his house for storage.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved. 1st Gail Sweet 2nd Lynne Standard-Nightengale

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes approved with corrections. 1st Lynne Standard-Nightengale 2nd MarySue Bizzarri

5. Treasurer Report:

Liz reports the estimated balance in the checking account is \$2836.17. Treasurer report approved. 1st MarySue Bizzarri 2nd Lynne Standard-Nightengale

6. New Business:

- Guest Speaker—Nichelle Henderson introduced herself as a candidate for the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. She is a career teacher with 30 years experience in schools and is fully credentialed. Elected to the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees. The California State Superintendent of Public Instruction is the top K-12 educator in the state. <https://hendersonforcasuperintendent.org/>

- Election of Officers: Lynne made the motion to accept the new slate of officers through acclamation after the verbal and written resignation of Liz, MarySue, and Lori as Treasurer/Secretary/Sargeant of Arms. Approved. Swearing in of officers and new members will take place at the next meeting. The new slate of officers is as follows:
 - Chair - Steve Christensen
 - Vice Chair – Lynne Standard-Nightengale
 - Secretary – Lori Jagoda
 - Treasurer – MarySue Bizzarri
 - Sargeant of Arms – Liz McCulloch
- Endorsement Convention: Steve did not get our roster turned in on time and after phone calls to CADEM, it is questionable whether we can vote in the pre-endorsement election or not. Michael Masuda reported he has a list with our names on it he received from CADEM. Steve will follow up again and let us know who is eligible to vote in the pre-endorsement election.

Lynne brought up the Endorsement Convention in San Francisco February 20-22, 2026, and encouraged members consider attending. For more information and to register, visit <https://cdpconvention.org/>
- Dues: Membership dues for the ACDCC are \$25/year and are due by February 1 annually. They may be paid by check or through Act Blue. MarySue will send out an email reminding members to pay annual dues. Discussion regarding Act Blue and how it determines if monies are for dues or donations.

7. Old Business:

- Social Media Committee—Lynne reports there are 824 members on the Facebook page.
- Phone for ACDCC—tabled until the next meeting.
- Update on situation with storage unit: See under announcements and take what you would like from items at the back of the room.

8. Announcements:

- Bylaws committee meeting will be this Wednesday at 1:30 pm at Boilerworks Café in Jackson.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned. 1st Luisa Almeida 2nd Lynne Standard-Nightengale

Next Meeting:

February 2, 2026

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Jagoda, Secretary