

Amador County Democratic Central Committee
May 4, 2026
Minutes

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

1. Roll Call & Set Quorum

Members: John Ellyson, Gail Sweet, Robert Dalton, Lori Jagoda, Luisa Almeida, Elizabeth McCulloch, Steve Christensen, MarySue Bizzarri, Maurice Bizzarri, Martijn Fenaux (Zoom), Jill Fenaux (Zoom), Ed Moore, Mari Galino, Barry Wadsworth (Zoom), Laura Nasatir (Zoom)

Guests: Jane Kim (Zoom), Elizabeth Isan, Amanda Aikawa, Chris Taylor, Christeen Ferree

Quorum set

2. Public Comment: Elizabeth Isan gave an update on Michael Masuda campaign activities. Volunteers are needed for phone banking and canvassing. The campaign is using the month of May to reach out throughout the community and the district. Signs/lawn signs are available through the website. Door hangers are available with both Michael and Jaron Brandon information. AAUW Candidate forum went well. Amador has the highest number of monthly donors throughout the district. Gail Sweet reported the Ledger Dispatch had great coverage of the campaign.

3. Approval of Agenda: M/S—MarySue/Gail. Approved

4. Approval of minutes – M/S—Liz/Mari. Approved

5. Treasurer Report – MarySue reports the treasurer report is one month behind as she does not receive latest numbers until after this meeting. For March, there is approximately \$2600 balance. Email appeals have netted about \$600/month in donations. We are signed up for our usual table at the County fair and insurance has been taken care of for our booth. Also, a reminder that all members of the ACDCC must pay \$25.00 annual dues. MarySue will be sending out reminders.

6. New Business

- Guest Speaker – Jane Kim spoke regarding her campaign to run for State Insurance Commissioner. See her website [Jane Kim for Insurance Commissioner](#) for further details.
- Report on yard sale – Lori, Mari, and Christeen report another successful event. Net total raised should be approximately \$3,000 once all items are sold. Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered, and came to purchase.
- Discussion on Governor's race and debate – Next debate is 5/5/26 on CNN. Straw poll of members present show Steyer with 6 votes, Becerra with 3 votes, 10 undecided, and 1 for Porter. Discussion waiting to turn in ballot

until there is a clear front runner to hopefully avoid two Republicans on the November ballot.

7. Old Business

- ACDCC ByLaws – final revision was emailed to members. Please review carefully and let any of the executive committee know if you have questions. We will plan to vote to approve at the June meeting.
- Fundraiser Committee Meeting – Volunteers are needed to take the lead on a Fundraiser Committee. Lori, Mari, and Christeen are willing to commit to a third annual Community Yard Sale next year. Others need to step up for additional events, such as another end of summer social at a local winery.
- Election Committee and GOTV – members are encouraged to visit Masuda and Brandon websites to volunteer through their campaigns to help get out the vote.
- Social Media Committee – Maurice reports the website is updated with 5/5/26 debate information. Jill is available to post on BlueSky and Facebook as requested.

8. Announcements

- Detert Park rally held on May 2 with about 40 protesters present. Next one is scheduled for June 6th. Details to follow.
- Amanda Aikawa, local nurse, announced the Billionaires Tax Act petition has collected enough signatures to be on the ballot.
- Chris Taylor announced AI Data Center is in planning stage for lone area. Katie Scott is putting together a local group to explore consequences if this is built.
- Ed Moore asked about the Biomass project that will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.
- Barry Wadsworth announced he has inherited the CA5 website and can also post relevant information.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Jagoda, Secretary