The meeting was called to order by President Dianne Greenhouse at 10:05 a.m.

Johnny Tolbert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Johnny Tolbert moved and Marc Greenhouse seconded that we approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Minutes: Marc Greenhouse moved and Phyllis Moss seconded that the minutes be approved as printed. The motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Yolanda Brown reported that the club has $3464.87. The Club collected $530 for Mara’s wish. The gift was sent in the Club’s name.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Clarke from the National Park Conservation Association rose to speak on the Cadiz project. He reminded us that the project does not die in spite of serious setbacks. We must stay active and alert. The ecological and environmental impact will be horrendous. He encouraged us to visit local water boards and speak against Cadiz; to lobby Sacramento persistently and to remain vigilant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Matthew Campos rose to report for the nominating committee. The slate of officers: Rebecca Unger, President; Johnny Tolbert – first VP; JoAnn Bollen – second VP; Paula Durrant – Secretary; Yolanda Brown – treasurer; Gayl Swarat & Deborah Dunaway – members at large.

Matthew then invited nominations from the floor for each position. None were received. Nominations will again be opened at the next meeting immediately before the election is held.

SB COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The charter application is due. It is a yearly process. Signatures are needed. The cost is $50. Gary Biggs gathered the needed signatures.

PARK CLEAN UP. The club discussed joining the community effort to keep the park clean during the government shutdown. Gary Biggs volunteered to coordinate the effort. Members will meet Mondays at 9 am. Behind Coyote corner. Grabbers and bags will be provided.

HOMELESS COUNT: JoAnn Bollen reported that the homeless count is January 24th. The training is January 17th. Volunteers are needed.

BASIN WIDE LUNCHEON: The State of Education in the Morongo Basin is the luncheon theme on January 21st. Rebecca Unger, Dianne Greenhouse, Marge Doyle & Paula Durrant will attend representing the club.

SB SUPERVISORS: A law suit has been filed against the supervisors for violations of the Brown Act in the appointment of Dawn Rowe to the third district seat. The SB Central Committee has also filed a complaint.
ADEM ELECTION OF DELEGATES: Saturday, January 26th, in Banning the AD42 election will be held. Each registered Democrat is allowed to vote for 7 women and 7 men. It is important for as many of our members as possible to attend the meeting. We want representation at the state convention. Five club members are running: Matthew Campos, Yolanda Brown, Greg Brown, JoAnn Bollen, and Sara Lee. Hector Vara joined the club and is a candidate. Delegates are also elected at Central Committee meetings and each candidate who received more than 30% of the vote is allowed to choose two delegates. Most candidates post short biographical statements on the CADEM.org website.

CHAMBER REPORTS: Beverly Scott will represent us at the YV Chamber.

CHARTER: Gary Biggs gathered signatures for the annual renewal of our club Charter.

FUNDRAISING: The Club has a fundraising dinner scheduled for January 30th at Steak ‘n Shake. They will give 15% of the evening proceeds to the club. Gayl Swarat offered to make stickers of the club logo. We will sell them for $3 each or 2 for $5.

RALLY: January 19th DemsMB and Indivisible are cosponsoring a rally from 12-2 at the corner of OWS Road and Hwy 62. We respectfully request that signs remain positive and are not profane.

The candidates for AD42 seats at the convention rose to speak about who they are and why we should vote for them.

JoAnn Bollen shared a list of new CA laws.

Adjourn: Gary Biggs moved and Phyllis Moss seconded that we adjourn at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Durrant
Secretary