

Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – General Assembly Minutes
China Garden Restaurant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Jonathan Espinoza with the attendees Pledge Allegiance. A quorum was counted. Attendance sheets attached.
2. The agenda was approved with the following additions:
 - a. Discuss charter the Visalia Democratic Club (VDC) with the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee (TCDCCC) and pay the \$5.00 chartering fee.
 - b. Discussion of vote by mail rules to be implemented by 2020.
 - c. Discussion of the Women's March.
3. The minutes of the December 16, 2016 meeting were approved.
4. Treasurer's report was approved: Beginning balance \$255.43. \$75.00 dues were deposited. A check for \$60.00 was sent to the Friends to pay for the Friends Hall for the Christmas Party. The ending balance is \$265.43.
5. The presidential Inauguration was reviewed and discussed.
 - a. There was a Women's March in Visalia and all over the country.
 - b. How should the VDC plan for a large increase in membership and take advantage of the number of organizations protesting President Trump's election.
6. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of the need for the VDC to conduct fundraisers in order to fund club activities. There will be no Roosevelt Gala this year.
 - b. Abi presented Jonathan with a check for \$1,000.00 to the VDC from the Tulare County Political Action Committee.
7. Updates:
 - a. The web design committee is working on a new design for the website which, among other things, integrate social media in order to support the club.
 - b. COS Young Democrats:
 - i. The slate of AD 26 candidates supported by the COS Young Democrats were elected.
 - ii. The Young Democrats need \$3,200.00 in order to send a delegation to the State Democratic convention. They have already raised \$2,600.00. Jacque made a motion, seconded by Abi to donate \$100 to the COS Young Democrats to send them to the state convention. Additionally, a "plate" was passed and individual club members donated funds to the COS Young Democrats.
 - c. Angel Garcia, from El Quinto Sol de America, reported that their efforts to get the state to regulate pesticide spraying near schools was successful. The state environmental organization will establish buffer zones around schools.
8. Events & Announcements:
 - a. CDP Chair debate and fundraiser April 2, 2017. Details to come. John Burton, longtime CADem Chair is retiring.
9. VDC Charter. Tom made a motion and Lali seconded, to charter the VDC and pay the \$5.00 fee to the TCDCCC with the caveat that their bylaws must be changed before we charter with them. The motion passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstain. The remainder supported the motion.

The objectionable language in the bylaws called for expulsion of any Club member who supported a non-Democrat for any office, even a non-partisan office for which there was no Democratic Candidate.

10. Kathleen Dowling expressed thanks for all who provided Xmas stockings. She will definitely need help next Xmas.
11. Maggie Blecher of Three Rivers introduced herself.
12. Mary Carmichael introduced herself and suggested that we recruit someone to run against Devin Nunes.
13. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.