

## Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – General Assembly Minutes  
China Garden Restaurant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:46 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. Ruth Mc Kee
  - b. Luis Campos
  - c. Roberto Bustos, President of the Tulare Democratic Club
3. Susanne Gundy moved and Lali Moheno seconded the January 25, 2017 meeting.
4. Annette moved and Dorothy seconded approval of the treasurer's report.
5. Ruth McKee, president of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee
  - a. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Apple Annie's in Tulare.
  - b. Ruth McKee, presented the VDC with a check for \$250.00 for Nextgen Climate for voter registration.
  - c. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee will have a fund-raising dinner at the Lamplighter on May 6 to honor Fred Davis. Details to be announced.
6. Louie Campos
  - a. Louie spoke about Representative Valadao's tv ads publicizing a new healthcare plan that he has formulated. He called his office to ask for a copy of this plan, and was told that the ad was paid for by a Republican independent PAC and that the Representative has no plan.
  - b. Louie asks people to go to Visalia Mayor Warrant Gubler's office hours to ask that Visalia Police not cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Mayor will hold office hours February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6:30pm at City Hall West 707 W Acequia Avenue. Meetings are conducted in 15 minute intervals. Walk-ins are welcome from 5pm to 5:45pm, appointments for a time slot between 5:45pm and 6:30 pm can be scheduled in advance by calling Kathy Rouse at (559)713-4355.
  - c. John Chaing, California State Treasurer wants to have a meet and greet in Tulare county. He will run for California Governor in 2018. He is searching for hosting this Friday
7. John Kelly of the ACLU announced that they hold meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Visalia Library.
8. New Business:
9. Updates:
  - a. Website committee
    - i. The website committee is now headed by Steve Woods. Steve currently works for the Tulare Education Department teaching technology.
    - ii. There will be a need for people to provide content for the website.
  - b. COS Young Democrats:

- i. In addition to the \$100 the VDC contributed to supporting the Young Democrats going to the state Democratic Convention, individual donations from VDC members totaled \$500.

10. Events & Announcements:

- a. CDP Chair debate and fundraiser April 2, 2017. Details to come. John Burton, longtime CADem Chair is retiring.
  - b. Ruth McKee spoke about Indivisible and Resist training at Garden Plaza.
  - c. There will be a candle light vigil at Devon Nunes' Visalia office 113 N Church Street on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm to 7:30 pm.
  - d. There will be a candle light vigil at Devon Nunes' Clovis office 264 Clovis Avenue on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30 pm.
  - e. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee will have a fund-raising dinner at the Lamplighter on May 6 to honor Fred Davis. Details to be announced.
  - f. The OneBillionRising.org with Indivisible march was discussed. This march occurs each Valentine's Day and was a success this year. This is a march to protest domestic violence towards women and men.
  - g. There will be a candle light vigil at Representative McCarthy's office in Bakersfield on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm – 3:30pm opposing cuts to Planned Parenthood funding. His office is at 4100 Empire Drive Suite 150 in Bakersfield.
  - h. Visalia Mayor Warren Gubler will hold office hours February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6:30pm at City Hall West 707 W Acequia Avenue. Meetings are conducted in 15 minute intervals. Walk-ins are welcome from 5pm to 5:45pm, appointments for a time slot between 5:45pm and 6:30 pm can be scheduled in advance by calling Kathy Rouse at (559)713-4355. Louie
11. VDC Charter. Susanne Gundy announced that the Tulare Democratic County Central Committee will vote on updated bylaws at their March meeting. This will enable the VDC to apply for a charter through the TCDCCC
12. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.