

Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, March 22, 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.
3. Victor moved and Jane seconded approval of the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes.
4. Susanne presented the Treasurer's report (attached). The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee changed their bylaws and the Visalia Democratic Club will be submitting our Charter application. Annette moved and Dorothy seconded approval of the treasurer's report.
5. Ruth McKee, president of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee <http://tularecountymocrats.org/>
 - a. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Apple Annie's in Tulare.
 - b. Democratic State Convention training April 23, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at COS. (Location at COS is not yet determined.)
 - c. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee will have a fund-raising dinner at the Lamplighter on May 6 at 6 pm to honor Fred Davis. The keynote speaker will be State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez. Purchase tickets online at <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/freddavis2017>. See details at http://tularecountymocrats.org/?page_id=528. Check www.TulareCountyDemocrats.org for details.
 - d. April 15th march to get Trump to disclose his tax returns. They need monitors to ensure the march does not block traffic. They would like the COS Young Democrats to monitor. The march will start at COS at 9 am
6. John Kelly of the ACLU announced that they hold meetings the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 pm at the Visalia Library 200 W Oak Ave. Their program will feature "Know Your Rights".
7. New Business:
8. Updates:
 - a. Website committee:
 - i. The website committee is now headed by Steve Woods. Steve currently works for the Tulare Education Department teaching technology. StevenAnthonyWoods@gmail.com
 - ii. There will be a need for people to provide content for the website.
 - iii. Let Steve know if you think something should be added to the website.
 - iv. Follow the Facebook page for the most current information and to provide feedback.

- b. COS Young Democrats: COS Young Democrats will debate the COS Young Republicans on April 27th at noon at the COS Ponderosa Building.
 - c. Indivisible:
 - i. Their purpose is to stop Trump's agenda through grassroots efforts and the promotion of progressive values.
 - ii. The committee meets every other Tuesday. They currently meet in various homes. Contact Kathy Falconer (jkfalconer@nwi.net) or Janie Chapman (janiehunt11@yahoo.com) for times and location.
 - iii. Kathy and Janie presented the "Visalia's Voice" prepared by Sherry Timmons (sherrytimmons@gmail.com). This publication documents many actions we must take to stop the negative impacts of President Trump's activities.
9. Events & Announcements:
- a. March 23rd Writer Tim Hernandez will talk about his book, *All They Will Call You*, at the COS Ponderosa Room at 6:30 pm. If you cannot attend this event, he will be at Respite by the River, San Joaquin River Parkway in Fresno on May 18 at 6:30 pm.
 - b. Know your rights. April 20 5pm to 8:30 pm there will be an immigration conference at the Visalia Convention Center. California Legal Services will provide lawyers to answer your questions about immigration, naturalization, citizenship, and DACA. Please bring your papers so that attorneys may review them.
 - c. April 1 at the Ag Center, the Central Valley Vietnam Veterans will celebrate 10 years with a food court and entertainment.
 - d. Want to be more informed? Join the Fresno State College of Social Sciences' monthly Teach-Ins. Open to the Fresno State campus community, as well as the general public. For more information: <http://www.dcovc.org/2017/03/28/fresno-state-teach-ins/>.
10. Visalia Mayor Warren Gubler will hold office hours Thursday, April 27th 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 kathy.rouse@visalia.city
11. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.