

Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – General Assembly Minutes

China Garden Restaurant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by President Jonathan Espinoza. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge Allegiance. A quorum was counted. Attendance sheets attached.
2. Al Aguilar moved and Susanne Gundy seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. Steve Natoli moved and Annette Guadagnin seconded approval of the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report (attached). Annette Guadagnin moved and Ruth McKee a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

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. Alex Gutierrez reported on the Tulare Regional Medical Center election to recall board member Dr. Parmod Kumar (District 3) to take place July 11. They need volunteers to help with precinct walks passing out literature and contacting voters. There are 17 precincts. Ballots will be mailed June 12. The election will cost the Tulare Regional Medical Center \$100,000.00. Alex's mother, Senovia Gutierrez, is running to replace Dr. Kumar. She is the only candidate who has declared and filed to run at this time.

Avrum Shepard moved and Annette Guadagnin seconded a motion to endorse Senovia Gutierrez. She was not at the meeting so the motion was tabled until we hear her.

6. Ruth McKee reported on the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee.
<http://tularecountydemocrats.org/>
 - a. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Apple Annie's in Tulare.
 - b. The Tulare County Democratic Central Committee will have a fund-raising dinner with a silent auction and raffle at the Lamplighter on May 6 at 6 pm to commemorate 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://tularecountydemocrats.org/?page_id=528. Check www.TulareCountyDemocrats.org for details.

Al Aguilar moved and Maria Gascon seconded a motion to give \$100.00 to purchase a gift basket for the silent auction. The motion passed.

- The dinner will also honor four very deserving individuals for their service. Abigail Solis, Lucia Vazquez, Arturo Rodriguez, and Jose Sagalas.
- c. Ruth introduced Paul Wachter, a candidate opposing Devin Nunes in next year's election. Paul spoke of his positions and asked for support. He committed to supporting whoever wins the June Democratic primary. www.PaulWachter.org his email wachter@yahoo.com.
7. Kathy Falconer reported on Indivisible activities.
 - a. They have grown from the original four people to 15, and they are hoping to add more.
 - b. They meet every Tuesday with Devin Nunes representatives at 113 Church St at 10:30 am. Please RSVP to Kathy Falconer (JKFalconer@nwi.net). They brought chocolate chip cookies to Nunes aides.
 8. New Business:
 9. Updates:
 - a. Website committee:
 - i. Steve reported that he would like people to send him information about events that should appear on the website. StevenAnthonyWoods@gmail.com
 - b. COS Young Democrats:
 - i. COS Young Democrats will have a pizza sale to raise funds.
 - ii. Jon is running for director of our Region California Young Democrats.
 - 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 (sherryjtimmons@gmail.com). This publication documents many actions we must take to stop the negative impacts of President Trump's activities.
 10. Events & Announcements:
 - a. May 29th Farmersville Memorial Day Parade.
 - b. 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/>.
 11. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.