

Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 – General Assembly Minutes

China Garden Restaurant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Jonathan Espinoza. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge Allegiance. A quorum was counted. Attendees are listed at the bottom of the minutes.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting. The motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report. Available funds are \$1,839.43. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.
5. New Business:
 - a. Ruth McKee moved and Gary Gray seconded a motion to join with the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee opposing President Trump's eliminating transgender military members. Ruth will work with Jon to formulate a resolution.
6. Updates:
 - a. Website committee:
 - i. Steve Wood (StevenAnthonyWoods@gmail.com) reported on the website. He needs people to provide content for the website. Email him details of events, meetings, and special announcements that need to be communicated. Send announcements to Steve so that he can post them to the website.
 - ii. Steve purchased two new domain names and linked them to the current website. They are www.VisaliaDemocrats.com and www.VisaliaDemocrats.org.
 - b. Indivisible: The Indivisible group is not marching downtown Visalia and meeting with Congressman Nunes aides during July and August because of the heat.
 - c. Tulare County Democratic Central Committee – Ruth McKee
 - i. The TCDCC Meets on the third Thursday of the month at Apple Annie's 1165 N Blackstone St, Tulare, CA 93274 No host dinner at 6:00pm Meeting starts at 6:30 PM.
 - ii. Tulare Regional Medical Center election results. Senovia Gutierrez won 80% of the vote. Alex's (her son) home caught fire two days before the election. He lost his car and mother's campaign gear. Fortunately, the TCDCC treasurer records were not lost, but Alex lost most of his personal belongings in the fire. It started in the garage. The fire department extinguished the fire and left, but later that night (around 3 am) his flat caught fire.
 - iii. Tom Steyer (possible candidate for governor) gave a grant of \$51,550 which will fund a laptop, a printer, an office for the Central Committee, and help fund voter registration efforts.
 - d. Kings County Jimmy Carter Democratic Club – Klara East
 - i. KCJCDC will host Delaine Easton (possible candidate for governor) on October 12. They do not yet have a venue, but the date is confirmed with Ms Easton.

- ii. KCJCDC will provide community organizer training September 8 – 9 for \$25.00. Deadline for application is August 25th. Some scholarships will be available. No venue yet.
 - iii. Klara would like to see the TCDC join the Central Valley Community Partnership.
 - iv. The KCJCDC has a voter registration booth at the Thursday Hartford Farmer’s Market.
 - e. COS Young Democrats: Kathryn Dodson President, they do not meet during the summer months. They are volunteering to assist the Abigail Solis campaign for State Senate District 14 and Senovia Gutierrez’s campaign to recall and replace Dr Kumar on the Tulare Regional Medical Center.
 - f. Tulare Democratic Club: President Robert Bustos no report. They meet the first Friday of each month at Apple Annie’s 1165 N Blackstone St, Tulare, CA 93274 No host dinner at 6:00pm Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.
 - g. John Kelly of the ACLU reported that the ACLU is having a membership drive. They meet the 1st Thursday of the month at the Visalia Library at 6 pm.
7. Events & Announcements:
- a. Tulare County Fair (<http://tcfair.org/>) September 13th through 17th. Susanne Gundy reported that the Central Committee will get a double booth at the fair in order to register voters. They will concentrate on vote by mail. She passed around a volunteer signup. They will have 2-hour shifts.
 - 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/>.
8. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm. The next meeting will be August 23, 2017.

Attendees

Edward	Bergtholdt	Ruth	McKee
MaryAnn	Bringhurst	Michelle	Medina
Tom	Chamberlin	Rill	Mitchel
Margo	Denison	Roxanne	Murray
Jacque	Gaston	Bill	Osak
Maria	Gaston	Dorothy	Osak
Gary	Gray	Rebecca	Quintana
Susanne	Gundy	Avrum	Shepard
John	Kelly	Alexandra	Taylor