

Visalia Democratic Club

Wednesday, May 24, 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. Attendance sheets attached.
2. Al Aguilar moved and Annette Guadagnin seconded a motion to approve the agenda as corrected. The motion passed.
3. Al Aguilar moved and Annette Guadagnin seconded approval of the April 26, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report (attached). Annette Guadagnin moved and Al Aguilar seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

The Visalia Democratic Club submitted our Charter application to the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee.

5. Jon reported on the state convention. He said it was a great experience being involved in the convention. Eric C. Bauman won the election to party chair by only 52 votes. There were long lines to pay dues. The VDC is in region 9.
6. 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. Alex introduced his mother Senovia and said she is seeking our endorsement. Senovia provided some of her background information and goals in seeking the job. Annette Guadagnin moved and Avrum Shepard seconded a motion to endorse Senovia Gutierrez. The motion passed. Louie Campos moved and Tom Chamberlin seconded a motion to donate \$75.00 to Senovia's campaign.
7. Jose Segala thanked the group for endorsing him in his run for the Tulare City Council. Tulare is now a BLUE city. He won with 75% of the vote. He handed out his bio and a flyer. He is a UC graduate and has spent 20 years as an SEIU organizer. He is considering running for the 22nd Congressional district to replace Devnin Nunes.
8. Eric provided an update on the COS Young Democrats. He thanked the many people who helped him as president of the Young Democrats. He said that the Westwood College of Lemoore is forming a Young Democrats Club.
9. Vallerie reported on Indivisible activities. 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.

10. New Business:

- a. Louis Campos thanked everyone for all the support he's received over the years. He is headed to UC Berkeley and will return to the Valley when he completes his studies.
- b. Farmersville will have a Memorial Day Parade and they need volunteers.
- c. National March for Truth on June 3 in Fresno. Trying to start one here in Visalia.
- d. Alex announced that his mother's campaign to replace Dr Kumar at the Tulare Regional Medical Center will have a free Ice Cream Social on June 10 from 11 am till 2 pm. They will eat ice cream, have a meet and greet, and talk about the Indivisible Committee. 991-5239. At Bender Park 600 N Millner Street.
- e. Memorial Day pancake breakfast at 7am Sponsored by Central Valley veterans.

11. 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

12. 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/>.

13. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.