



Visalia Democratic Club

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 23th, 2017

Time: 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: China Garden Restaurant

1634 S Mooney Blvd

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 July 23, 2017 meeting. The motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report. Available funds are \$1,859.43. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.
5. Updates:
 - 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 registering voters to vote by mail. She passed around a volunteer signup. They will have 2-hour shifts. Volunteers happily accepted. Contact Susanne Gundy susannegundy@aol.com (559)368-9464.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Indivisible: The Indivisible group is starting up again marching downtown Visalia and meeting with Congressman Nunes aides when they can get Nunes aides to cooperate. They plan to meet at Nunes office 113 North Church Street from noon to 1 pm each Tuesday. Contact Kathy Falconer with questions and to volunteer (310) 995-6295 jkfalconer@nwi.net. Call Sherry Timmons (559)334-7531 to order T-shirts with photo of Nunes with the question: Where is Nunes?
 - d. 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.



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- ii. 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.
 - iii. Ruth reported that she has located an office for the Central Committee across from Best Buy on Walnut in Visalia. The office is about 940 square feet. It has a bathroom and running water. She'll need volunteer staff.
 - 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.
 - 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.
6. Events & Announcements:
- a. Daniel O'Connell of the *Central Valley Partnership* (Labor unions, environmental groups, community groups.) announced that they will conduct community organizer training in Tulare September 8 and 9. It will cost \$25 per person.
 - b. Self Help Enterprises – Gracia Martinez Asked people to call their state Assembly persons and express support for SB2 and SB3, affordable housing initiatives. Apparently a Democratic Assembly Member is blocking this bill, Rudy Salas AD 32.
 - c. Christmas stockings: Every year, Kathleen Dowling collects Christmas Stockings for needy children. She currently has a need for stockings and bags to stuff presents into. Later she'll be collecting presents to place in the stockings and bags.
7. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be September 27, 2017.

Attendees

Donald	Ajluni	Bobbie	Levine
Nariman	Ajluni	Graciela	Martinez
Edward	Bergtholdt	Bob	Marshall
MaryAnn	Bringhurst	Joy	Marshall
Newell	Bringhurst	Rill	Mitchel
Desiree	Cortez	Roxanne	Murray
Margo	Denison	Daniel	O'Connell
Kathleen	Dowling	Dorothy	Osak
Jonathan	Espinoza	Rebecca	Quintana
Jeff	Falconer	Avrum	Shepard
Kathy	Falconer	Alexandra	Taylor
Gary	Gray	Steve	Woods
Susanne	Gundy		



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