



Visalia Democratic Club

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 27th, 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. Ruth McKee made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Woods seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Ruth McKee made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting. Steve Woods seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report. Available funds are \$1,869.43. Annette Guadagnin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ruth McKee seconded and the motion passed.
5. Ricardo Franco is running for congress against Devnin Nunes for CD 22 <https://ricofranco.com/>. He started work after college in business and technology. He is labeled as a progressive/moderate candidate. Supports Medicare for all. Immigration reform. Income inequality is one of his top priorities. Because of high speed rail he sees property values increasing in the valley. He sees the solutions to income inequality as education, investment in new clean energy jobs, and diversifying the economy in the valley. He thinks the lack of Mexican voter turn out is because of the political climate in Mexico. Because of the dishonest government there, immigrants to the US don't vote. Valerie Ehrlich is having a house party for Franco on Friday, October 6th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm 5638 W Cambridge Court.
6. Updates:
 - a. COS – no update tonight.
 - 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, special announcements that need to be communicated, and photos. 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: They've merged all the Indivisible groups into the South Valley Civics Democratic Club. They are now a chartered Democratic Club. 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? Kathy distributed information important to SVC and postcards and asked people to write to representatives using the documented



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- facts. Write to Senators Feinstein and Harris thanking them for their support and write to Nunes noting priorities that he ignores or is on the wrong side of. SVC will concentrate on canvassing, registering voters, and getting the vote out.
- 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.
 - ii. Ruth reported that the Central Committee has moved into their new home at 1320 W Walnut. Thanks to Tom Chamberlin, they've painted the place. She'll need volunteer staff.
 - iii. She invited Ricardo Franco to the next TCDCC meeting.
 - iv. They will have a booth at the Farmersville Fall Festival at the Veterans Memorial Park on Farmersville Road on Saturday, October 7th. Susanne Gundy is coordinating volunteers, and they need lots of help.
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Farmersville,+CA/@36.3017187,-119.2252481,14z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x80953193919479d5:0x9833a2ff55090bc7!8m2!3d36.2977283!4d-119.2067767>.
- e. 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.
7. Events & Announcements:
- a. 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.
8. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm. The next meeting will be October 27, 2017.

Attendees

MaryAnn	Bringhurst	Bob	Marshall
Newell	Bringhurst	Joy	Marshall
Tom	Chamberlin	Ruth	McKee
Jonathan	Espinoza	Dorothy	Osak
Kathy	Falconer	George	Schimpf
Jacque	Gaston	Ximena	Schimpf
Annette	Guadagnin	Avrum	Shepard
Susanne	Gundy	Cynthia	Thorburn
Nancy	Holmes	Steve	Woods
James	Knudsen		