



Visalia Democratic Club

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Jonathan Espinoza-President

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Susanne Gundy-Treasurer

Avrum Shepard-Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 25th, 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. Abi Solis made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Woods seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Steve Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting. Annette Guadagnin seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Susanne Gundy presented the Treasurer's report. Available funds are \$1,803.43. Avrum Shepard made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Annette Guadagnin seconded and the motion passed. Suzanne announced that the Executive Committee approved an expenditure of \$76.00 to pay for the post office box in Visalia. Avrum moved that the General Assembly approve the expenditure. Annette seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Bobby Bliatout is running for congress against Devnin Nunes for CD 22 www.bliatoutfor22.com. He wants to create jobs, fight for health care for all, be a strong voice for the underserved, and represent all the people of District 22.
6. Updates:
 - a. COS – Kathleen Dodson, president of the COS Young Demorats gave the report. They are busy fundraising to help pay for the 10 ADems to attend the ADem meeting November 3rd.
 - b. Website committee:
 - i. Steve Wood (StevenAnthonyWoods@gmail.com) reported on 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 South Valley Civics. Contact Kathy Falconer with questions and to volunteer (310) 995-6295 jkfalconer@nwi.net. Kathy passed out a fact sheet. They are precinct walking. Collected signatures for DACA.
 - 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. Tom Chamberlin reported that the Central Committee has moved into their new home at 1320 W Walnut. They are having internet installed and will be open in the next couple of weeks.
 - iii. The Central Committee will have a fund raiser sometime in the Spring.
 - iv. They are canvassing votes in Dinuba and could use some volunteer help.
 - 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:



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- a. Christmas stockings: Every year, Kathleen Dowling collects Christmas Stockings for needy children. Call Kathleen for details (559)734-6510.
 - b. Loli Moheno is coordinating the Farmworker Women's Conference to be held on November 3rd at the Visalia Convention Center from 7:30 am to around 2:00 pm.
 - c. Abigail Solis put a \$2.8 million park together in Earlimart, The Earlimart Community Park is at the corner of Elm and School Streets. The grand opening will be around December 1st. It took 10 years to put the project together.
 - d. Abigail Solis is running for the State Senate District 14. The district is currently held by Republican Andy Vidak.
 - e. Klara East (Jimmy Carter Club)
 - i. JCC invited 4 candidates to a governors candidate's night. Delaine Easton is the only one who responded.
 - ii. JCC Canvas every 3rd Saturday for Dolores Huerto.
 - iii. Dan O'Connell of Central Valley Partnership trying to unite progressive organizations in the Valley.
 - iv. Call Nunes and Valadeo asking them to sign on to the discharge petition and ask for the clean Dream Act.
 - f. The nominating committee met and the officers have all offered to serve for another year. President Jon Espinoza, Vice President Annette Guadagnin, Treasurer Susanne Gundy, and Secretary Avrum Shepard will be running for their same offices. Additionally, Jon called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The election will occur at the November 29th meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.
 - g. The Visalia Democratic Club Christmas party will be on December 9th or 16th.
8. Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be November 29th, 2017.

Attendees

Tom Chamberlin
Margo Denison
Kathleen Dowling
Klara East
Jonathan Espinoza
Jeff Falconer
Kathy Falconer
Gary Gray
Annette Guadagnin
Susanne Gundy
Rill Mitchel

Roxanne Murray
Bill Osak
Dorothy Osak
Rebecca Quintana
George Schimpf
Ximena Schimpf
Avrum Shepard
Daljit Singh
Abigail Solis
Alexandra Taylor
Steve Woods