



Visalia Democratic Club

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 24th, 2019

Time: 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Location: China Garden Restaurant

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Sal Cazarez. We stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was counted. Attendees are listed at the bottom of the minutes.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended **agenda** and the motion passed.
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March **minutes** and the motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's report** by Susanne Gundy. Available funds are \$1,731.86. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.
5. Updates and events:
 - a. **Tulare County Democratic Central Committee:**
<https://tularecountymocrats.org/>
Central Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at Apple Annie's at 1165 N Blackstone St, Tulare. No host dinner at 6:00pm and meeting starts at 6:30 pm.
 - i. The committee is debating about having a Fall fundraiser.
 - ii. The committee is debating about establishing a platform committee. Each Central Valley club would have its own platform committee to cover important issues.
 - iii. The SEIU donated \$10,000.00 to the Central Committee, so the office will remain open through the 2020 election.
 - b. **Central Valley Partnership:** <http://centralvalleypartnership.org/>
The CVP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Carpenter's Union Hall, 1361 North Hulbert Avenue in Fresno at 5:30 pm, near the Olive exit from the 99 freeway. They are working to get more Democrats elected to local councils.
 - i. SB 458 will protect children from the use of the brain-damaging pesticide Chlorpyrifos, a derivative of Agent Orange.
 - ii. Kings County Citizens for fair elections has determined that there were election irregularities in the 2016 election. They are advocating for changes in voting procedures and equipment. They support the Voter's Choice Act which will provide ballots to voters 28 days prior to election and allow return by mail, special mail boxes, or to any vote center.
 - iii. Fracking: Central Valley Public Land Advocacy. This administration has opened over 1 million acres of public land to oil exploration and pumping.
 - iv. Youthspark – a social website devoted to stopping youth exploitation and sex trafficking.
 - c. **Drew Phelps:** Candidate for California State Assembly District 26. He will have a kick-off event at VIP Pizza in Tulare April 27th 11:30 am to 1 pm. Drew was



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recently involved with Citizens for Hospital Accountability in rescuing the Tulare Regional Medical Center.

- d. **Bernie Sanders Kick-off** event. This Saturday from 2 pm to 4 pm at Democratic Party office.
- e. **Nick Vargas:**
 - i. Nick spoke about the difficulties experienced by LGBTQ people in Tulare County. Even finding medical care in the area is a challenge because of the unique requirements of LGBTQ people.
 - ii. There will be a pride event called Pride Visalia on May 25th entrance will cost \$5.00 sponsored by the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee and Stonewall Democratic Club. The event will be at the old lumberyard 300 E Oak Street.
- f. **Changing VDC Meeting Place** candidates:
 - i. **Asian BBQ:** 3710 S Mooney Blvd room for 32, TV for presentations,
 - ii. **Left of Center:** 699 W Center St room for 60+, buffet \$18.00 per person. Must reserve specific number of people at each meeting.
 - iii. **The Planning Mill:** 778 E Center Ave, room for 44, \$200.00 deposit refund \$100.00 after 1st meeting, pizza, wings, sandwiches, salads
 - iv. A motion was made and seconded to move our meeting venue to the Planning Mill in June (verifying the vote at the May meeting), giving people the opportunity to check the Planning Mill out. The motion passed 10 to 5. (The May meeting will be at China Garden Restaurant.)
- g. **T-shirts:**
 - i. Miller Shirts is a family business and so is not union affiliated.
 - ii. Estimates for 40 shirts are 1 color \$387.60 2 color \$417.60 3 color \$442.40
 - iii. A motion was made and seconded to purchase shirts from Miller if we decide to purchase shirts in the future. The motion passed.
- h. **Outreach Community Committee:** A committee to research events and ways to reach out to the community. A motion as made and seconded to establish such a committee. The motion passed. Dorothy Osak and Carmen Becerra were appointed co-chairs.
- i. **Extend the meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting for a few more minutes.
- j. **Membership Engagement & Enrichment Committee:** Sal appointed Carmen Becerra as chair of the committee.
- k. **"Remind" text messages App:**
 - i. Subscribe to VDC text messaging app. Don't have to install an app, can send a message to a number and subscribe. Tulare County Young Democrats uses Remind.
 - ii. A motion was made and seconded to use the App Remind to text message members. The motion passed. This will be an "opt-in" system.
- l. **Voter card system**



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- i. A motion was made and seconded to begin using a voter card system for voting on issues to ensure that only certified members can vote. Bright colored cards will be handed out at the beginning of each meeting and collected at meeting's end. The motion passed.

Attendees

Carmen	Becerra
Edward	Bergtholdt
MaryAnn	Bringhurst
Newell	Bringhurst
Sal	Cazarez
Margo	Denison
Gary	Gray
Susanne	Gundy
Bob	Marshall
Joy	Marshall
Rill	Mitchel
Bill	Osak
Dorothy	Osak
Drew	Phelps
George	Schimpf
Ximena	Schimpf
Daniel	Sepulveda
Avrum	Shepard
Amy	Snider