

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia (PDB)
Membership Meeting**

May 8, 2017

PDB Officers: Ralph Dennis and Maggie Kolk

Steering Committee attendees: Jack Kolk, Pat Toth-Smith, Roger Straw, June Mejias, Kari Birdseye

Meeting called to order by chair, Ralph Dennis: 7:10 pm

Quorum – met.

Membership: 62

Meeting Minutes: Approve minutes for March 13 membership meeting. Minutes for the April 10 meeting have not yet been distributed. Ralph will distribute with the minutes for this meeting (May 8, 2018).

Esteemed attendees:

Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, Dist. 2 Supervisor, Monica Brown

Treasurer's Report delivered by Maggie Kolk in the absence of Kathy Kerridge: \$1451.94 bank balance.

Maggie reminded members that it's time to renew dues – renewable at the end each calendar year (\$20 per person annually)

Ralph introduced Amy Hartmann of Greenbelt Alliance:

Club endorsed Prop 68 and has been asked to become involved in phone banking efforts - \$4.1B bill. Each city in Solano receives \$200K – over a billion dollars in grants which can be applied for through the Federal government.

Amy Hartmann, Prop. 68 Greenbelt Alliance – Tuesday, May 22 – Mayor Patterson has volunteered to host a phone bank at her home from 6:00 to 8:00. Everyone should bring cell phones and chargers. Two phone banks coming up on Vallejo and Mare Island (dates TBD). If anyone else is interested, let Ralph know. Mayor Patterson pointed out that local realtors might participate.

City council candidate, Christina Strawbridge – Benicia has two state parks – the only two in Solano County so this is a very important proposition for Benicia.

Supervisor Monica Brown:

AAOA – disbanding (in debt to close to \$300K) – Monica is on the subcommittee and is involved in the disbanding. Meals on Wheels is continuing. MSSP – contracting with Contra Costa Co.

Endorsement Committee – Pat Toth-Smith explained the endorsement process.

Candidate endorsements and rationale were presented by Pat Toth-Smith, Roger Straw, Jack Kolk, Kari Birdseye and Ralph Dennis.

Q & A followed each committee member presentation.

Ballots were distributed and members voted on the following:

Candidates:

- *U.S. Senator*
- *U.S. Congress*
- *CA Governor*
- *CA Lt. Governor*

- *CA State Assembly Dist. 14*
- *Attorney General*
- *School Superintendent*
- *State Controller*
- *State Insurance Commissioner*
- *Secretary of State*
- *State Treasurer*
- *Superior Court Judge, Solano County*

20 ballots were turned in by membership. Votes were reviewed and calculated by PDB Secretary, Maggie Kolk. Results to be announced at May meeting.

Adjourn: Not officially adjourned but ended at 8:42pm

Next Meeting: June 8, 7:00 pm. Dona Benicia Room of the Benicia Library.

Submitted by: Maggie Kolk 05/09/18