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DEMOCRATS  
of Benicia

**Membership Meeting  
August 14, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chair, Ralph Dennis**

- Quorum – met
- Treasurer’s Report: presented by PDB Secretary Maggie Kolk.
  - No checks outstanding
  - Deposits: 7/12 - \$112 (Donations \$52; dues \$60) Secretary of State - \$50 filing  
Balance: \$1325.94
- Approval of minutes for June 18 and July 12 – motion Constance Beutel; seconded by Steve Young

**Announcements**

- Monica Brown presented an update on Solano Co. District 2-Meals on Wheels update.
- Mayor Patterson – acknowledged
- Amy Hartman – discussed efforts to support voting in Northern Nevada – close races – senator and governor’s race. Recruiting volunteers to go Reno for September/October. Ralph shared information for signing up.
- Michelle Bertinelli of Kevin de Leon’s campaign did not attend, but may show up at the next meeting

**Endorsement process presented by Roger Straw**

- Each candidate has 5 minutes to present followed by attendee Q & A - 20 minutes.
- Benicia City Council – two seats open – two of our members are candidates – Birdseye and Strawbridge.
- Solano County School Board candidate – Dana Dean also on agenda.

**Benicia City Council Candidate Presentations:**

- Christina Strawbridge – bio presented by Roger Straw.

Christina Strawbridge delivered a 5-minute presentation on her background, community involvement and history as a city council member. Presentation was followed by audience Q & A.

Kari Birdseye – bio presented by Roger Straw

Kari Birdseye delivered a 5-minute presentation on her background, marketing position with NRDC, community involvement as Chair of the City Planning Commission, member of the Human Services Board, and PTA president. Presentation was followed by audience Q & A.

### **Solano County Board of Education Candidate**

Dana Dean – bio presented by Roger Straw

Dana Dean, current member of the Solano County Board of Education, running unopposed, announced that her position on the Board of Education is retained. Dana proceeded to discuss her role and the mission and role of the Solano County Board of Education.

### **Membership Endorsement:**

Endorsement ballots were distributed to PDB members and collected for tally by Maggie Kolk and Phyllis Dubois. Tallied ballots were turned over to Ralph Dennis for recount and verification.

### **Wrap up/Announcements**

- Next meeting: September 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), Benicia Library.
- Future meetings scheduled: October 9, and November 13; each at the Benicia Library, Dona Benicia Room, 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:55pm

### **Submitted by:**

Maggie Kolk  
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August 15, 2018