



**September 11, 2018**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Welcome/Organizational Items.**

- Craig Snider, in Ralph's absence, called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience and gave an overview of the agenda.
- Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kerridge presented the Treasurers' Report.
- Approval of minutes for August 14 meeting: The minutes of the August 14 meeting were approved by the membership.

#### **Acknowledgements. Guest Officials, Guest Organizations/Reports.**

- Solano Co Board of Supervisors, Stephen Hallett representing Monica Brown was acknowledged.
- Carquinez Patriotic Resistance was acknowledged.

#### **Business**

- Candidate for City Council: William S. Emes, Jr. delivered a 5-minute presentation on why he should be elected to the Benicia City Council followed by 10 minutes of questions by the membership/audience.
- Endorsement discussions with Benicia Unified School District School Board candidates. Maggie Kolk moderated and gave an explanation of the discussion, Q & A process: 5-minute candidate presentations; Q&A follows once presentations completed.
  - Candidates:
    - Adrean Hayashi (Independent)
    - Mark Maselli (Democrat)
    - Gethsemene Moss (Democrat)
    - Sheri Zada (Democrat)

Each candidate delivered a 5-minute presentation to the audience. When all candidates had delivered their messages, Maggie followed up with four questions which had been previously submitted by the PDB Steering Committee. One question was directed to each candidate individually to answer. When that candidate completed answering their directed question, the topic was then open to the other candidates to respond. After all candidates responded to the Steering Committee questions, the audience was invited to ask questions. The Q & A period closed at 8:35pm.

#### **Vote for School Board Endorsement:**

Craig instructed PDB members on the voting process and explained that because Adrean Hayashi is not a registered Democrat, PDB rules prohibit the club from endorsing her. Members were instructed to vote to endorse up to three candidates (3 open seats on the School Board). Ballots were collected and tallied by Maggie and Phyllis Dubois. The club voted to endorse Mark Maselli, Gethsemene Moss and Sheri Zada (all received the required 50% + 1 votes)

#### **Wrap up/Announcements**

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

Submitted by:

Maggie Kolk, Secretary