



**November 13, 2018**

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

#### **Welcome/Organizational Items:**

- Ralph Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kerridge presented the Treasurers' Report.  
**Beginning Balance:** \$1553.94 – \$88 in donations. Club made a \$350 Donation to Kari Birdseye's campaign –  
Current balance: \$1291.94

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

- Solano Co Board of Supervisors, Stephen Hallett representing Monica Brown: reported on current events of the County Board of Supervisors
- Mayor Elizabeth Patterson acknowledged
- Carquinez Patriotic Resistance members were acknowledged.
- Note: Mimosa Montag would like to be on the agenda for the January meeting (Topic?)
- Gethsemane Moss was acknowledged and said that she is planning to run for School Board again.
- Kari Birdseye was recognized and thanked the club for support during her campaign.

#### **Announcements:**

- 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Democratic Central Committee Crab Feed on February 9 in Suisun City – PDB can get a table for 10 or 20. Contact the PDB website and/or Ralph Dennis to reserve seats.
- Elizabeth Patterson: Council meeting on November 20 at 6:00pm – Valero's report on fence line monitoring will be discussed. Please plan to attend to show interest in the ISO to protect our health and safety.
- Air Quality: Notice from the BUSD Superintendent that schools are open and that the kids will be kept indoors. However, the high school is unable to keep the students indoors – not enough room in the cafeteria and this is also a challenge for the middle schools as well. Current monitors only collect 25% of the information. BAAQMD – requires community monitoring – we have one.

#### **Business:**

##### **PDB Election of Officers 2019 (two-year anniversary of Club – January, 2019)**

- Voting process explanation and voting (officers are part of the Steering Committee).
- Nominations will be taken from the floor and will be promoted on the website to other members.
- Ralph will send an email to the membership soliciting nominations for Officers.
- January 2019 – elections will take place.

##### **Discussion: Nov. Elections:**

- National – discussion on outcome of election.
- Local Implications for 2019 – show more support for all endorsed candidates not only one individual.

##### **Discussion: PDB in 2019**

###### **Focus/Actions**

- ISO, Fines, BAAQMD,

- Conflict of interest, public financing
- Housing – assisted living facilities; change open space designation; zoning issues around single unit housing – housing element must be updated every year. SB35. County has held an affordable house summit. Mayor has received inquiries about the cost of renting. Benicia has a need for assisted living and senior housing driven in part by SB 35
- What are all of the elected offices within the City? Map their goals with those of the PDB.
- Start Fundraising for the 2020 election – Club is considered a PAC.
- Open Government Commission – making it more effective – participatory budgeting (NYC just passed this)
- Public Financing for candidates. What are other cities doing?
- Livermore – smart voter
- Ranked choice voting
- Coordination with other groups in the area – e.g. Bay Area 350, CPR/Vallejo-Benicia
- Open house for candidates – Thompson – he is applying to become chair of the health ways and means committee.

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

- Next meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), Benicia Library, 7:00 p.m. or other location (to be researched/determined)
- Future meetings scheduled: TBD
- Adjourned: 8:45pm

Submitted by: Maggie Kolk, Secretary