

**WEST FRESNO DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

3-18-2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Rocio's Restaurant, 1131 B Street, Fresno, CA

Present: Mikki Addison, Richard Graham, Larry Johnson, Michael Evans, RoseMary Correa, Genoveva Islas, Tim Parker, Wanda Hemmitt, Carole Laval

Call to order: 9:18 am

Introduction of officers, members, and guests.

Agenda approved as amended (amended speaker and that February minutes not available).

Minutes of the 12-17-2016 membership meeting were approved. There was no January meeting. Minutes of the 2-18-2017 meeting are not yet available. February minutes will be ready for review at the April meeting.

President's Report (Mikki A): Report on the FCDWC annual dinner being a great success, and Mikki A. attended the dinner on behalf of the Club. Reminder of Central Committee annual dinner on April 21 (more later).

Treasurer's Report (Carole L): Update that we have never had a reply from the Postal Service about the refund due on closing the PO box (we should receive a \$42 refund). Our current WFB statements contained a notice that one of the accounts would start getting a \$6 per month service charge starting April 3. The account with the pending service charge was closed and the funds were moved to the checking account (for which there was no fee notice). Balances: \$255.28 in closed account plus \$219.86 in checking account (as of 2-28-2017), for a total of \$475.14. Treasurer's report was approved. Board approved purchase of dinner ticket (\$75) and \$50 program ad for the FCDCC annual dinner on 4-21-2017. The check has been sent to the Central Committee, but the ad copy won't be sent until we have the logo re-design completed.

Guest Speaker: Michael Evans, Chair of the FCDCC. Michael distributed a handout and spoke at length about the 2017-2018 (and beyond) electoral outlook. There was extensive discussion and many questions.

It was noted that members should contact their congressional representative daily to protest the GOP health care plan to replace the ACA, and other adverse proposals coming from the new administration and Republican Congress.

Discussion of annual picnic and Indivisible actions will be discussed at future meeting.

Genoveva Islas, who will be running for Fresno City Council District 7 in 2018, spoke about the mission of her agency, Cultiva La Salud, and policy issues we should be aware of right now, such as \$70 million in cap and trade funds to be used in Fresno. She spoke about the importance of speaking up for good use of these funds (rather than having them siphoned off for high speed rail).

Announcements:

Custom Bike Show for April 1 at Fink White Playground, from 10am to 3pm.

Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW) has a comedy show on April 1 at the Tower Theater, 7pm.

FCDCC annual dinner on April 21 at The Golden.

Adjourned: 11:30 am

Next meeting: April 15, 9am to 11am

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Laval, 2017 Treasurer