

**WEST FRESNO DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

Minutes: Saturday, July 21st, 2018

LOCATION: Rocio's Mexican Restaurant at 1141 'B' Street, Fresno

Present: Aline Reed, Sally Taylor, Karen Jantz, Larry Johnson, Rose Mary Correa, Jesse Keys, Pat Barr, David Paredes, Ray Ensher, Carole Laval, Janice Sumler.

Meeting Call To Order: 9:00 am

Club Mission Statement read by VP Aline Reed:

The West Fresno Democratic Club, under charter from the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee, is committed to preserving and fostering the Democratic Party's principles and its spirit of dedication in support of the rights, liberties and dreams of all citizens of American society, with equality and without exclusion, through education, voter registration and personal participation in the political process in all local, state and national political campaigns and elections for public office and political initiatives and referendums.

Introduction of Officers, Members and Guests. New member: Karen Jantz.

No meeting quorum (8 members constitute a quorum: no more than 7 present at same time).

Agenda reviewed and approved.

Approval of May 19, 2018 and June 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes will be held over to approve at August meeting.

President's Report: 1) Vicki Fouts will be our August speaker; Tate Hill and Miguel Arias will be our September speakers; District 1 school board candidates will be our October speakers. 2) GOTV discussion to follow. 3) Need volunteers and committee chairs to fulfill the mission of the Club. 4) Need to purchase a canopy for outreach events, and believe they can be purchased for less than \$100.

Treasurer's Report : Bank account balance as of 7-20-2018 is \$452.20. A check was written to the FCDCC for copies, Check #3242 for \$63.33 (check was reflected in account balance on receipt of 7-20-2018 but not on bank statement received 7-9-2018).

Program: Pat Barr spoke about job training programs under Workforce Connection, with offices at Manchester Center. She also reported that the EDD, Employment Development Department of the State of California, also has offices at Manchester Center.

David Keyes, candidate for Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Tax Collector spoke briefly.

Business:

Items requiring a membership vote will be held over to August, including nominations to fill the vacant VP position.

Discussion about finding chairs for the Standing Committees:

Bylaws Committee Chair: Larry Johnson

Legislation and Resolutions Committees need chairs (2 separate committees). Membership and Out-Reach Committee needs a chair, and Mikki Addison was suggested. Program Committee is chaired by the Club VP (currently vacant position).

Ad-Hoc Committee was created to work on GOTV: this will includes registering voters. Aline R. and Karen J. will served on this committee.

By-laws amendment was proposed by Larry Johnson and copies distributed. These amendments simply re-order the existing content in a clearer manner. This serves as the 30-day notice to amend.

'House Party Vote by Mail Ballots' proposal presented by Larry Johnson, and discussion followed. See the flyer.

Discussion of NWPC Fresno's Equality Day dinner on August 16. Club will buy Aline R. a ticket (\$80 for dinner) to attend.

Announcements:

- 1) Naturalization ceremonies this Tuesday, July 24, at Convention Center, 9:00 am setup. Help need to register voters.
- 2) 8-11-2018 event at Maxie Parks Center, 9am to 1pm.
- 3) 11am today at West Fresno Resource Center about the new Amazon facility.; another meeting on Tuesday about this at Bitwise.
- 4) David P. is an aide to Councilmember Baines, District 3. He is also a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, which has a local chapter. They meet at Common Space, 2915 Tulare Street. Next meeting is Saturday, July 28, 4pm.

Adjournment – 10:51 AM

Next monthly meeting August 18, 2018. Speaker: Pat Barr about apprenticeship programs.

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Laval, 2018 Treasurer