

Clovis Democratic Club

November 19, 2015, Seven Restaurant, Clovis CA

Minutes

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., by President Jeni Kren. The Flag Salute was led by Bob Jones. Jeni welcomed everyone and commented on the recent terrorism incidents and the Middle Eastern refugee problem in Europe and the U.S.

Program: Vice President Alexia Baca introduced Dr. Thomas Holyoke, Professor of Political Science, CSU Fresno. He talked about the present political issues. Regardless of who wins the 2016 Presidential elections will be history making: Clinton as first woman President, Bush, a son and brother of Presidents, Cruz or Rubio as first Hispanic Presidents or three candidates who have never held public before. Trump has defied all odds on continuing to maintain a lead among Republican candidates. On Republican side Cruz and Rubio are challenging against each other. In most previous elections the economy has been the main issue, but he feels that in this one foreign policy could be more important. Among Democrats and Republicans, Hillary Clinton dominates in foreign policy experience. It gives her an advantage over challenger Bernie Sanders who is more concerned with the economy. In Presidential Election years, democrats historically have done better in Senate elections, but not as well in the House because of gerrymandering. The Republicans control more of the State Governorships and legislatures. As to campaign finance, he feels that the Democrats raise as much money as the Republicans. Billions of dollars are raised by the non profit PACs which go into the elections. No other democracy has such intense campaign spending as ours. Looming over the elections is the issue of Supreme Court openings. Ginsburg is in poor health and probably can't make it another 4 years if the Republicans win the Presidency. The Democrats probably can't move it farther to the left and the Republicans may be able to move it farther to the right. There is always spirited discussion when Dr. Holyoke visits the Club.

Minutes: The Minutes for October 15, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Lew Pond reported that the Club has a balance of \$1581.45 as of November 19, 2015.

Membership Report: Judy Noteboom reported the Club has 35 members, 3 of whom have paid their dues for 2016.

President's Report: Jeni indicated that it was a quiet month.

Central Committee Report: Bob Jones mentioned that the California Democratic Party State Convention will be held in San Jose, February 26 to 28, 2016. Delegates have already been elected but observers are welcome. Information: www.cadem.org/convention.

The Central Committee has cancelled plans to relocate to a larger site due to financial considerations. The County Democratic candidate endorsement process will start in January. The Central Committee is in the process of trying to resolve a personnel issue which has the potential for legal action.

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Holiday Meeting, December 17, 2015, Clovis, CA

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Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m., by President Jeni Kren. The Holiday Meeting was held at the home of Jeni Kren, 521 W. Enterprise, Clovis.

Routine Business: The Minutes of November 19, 2015, the Financial Report for November and the Membership Report were held over for the next regular business meeting in January 2016.

Announcements: The California Democratic State Convention will be held in San Jose, California, February 26 to 28, 2016.

Installation of Club Officers for 2016: The officers were elected at the regular meeting on November 19, 2015. Michael Evans Chair of the Fresno County Central Committee gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers: President Jeni Kren, Vice President Alexia Baca, Secretary Bob Jones, Treasurer Dave Rowell, Member at Large/Membership Paul Sedillos.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned for Dinner at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Club will be at 6:00 p.m., January 21, 2016, at Seven Bar and Grill, 25 Shaw Ave, Clovis, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Jones,
Secretary