

Clovis Democratic Club

April 21, 2016 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.

Program: Vice President Alexia Baca introduced Bill McEwen, Editorial Page Editor, Fresno Bee. The subject was 2016 politics. According to Mr. McEwen all of the rules of politics have been smashed as it is becoming clear that on the Republican side there is a recognition that what they have been pushing for years has not worked. They promise but can't deliver and this has led to the Tea Party. Last week they could not even pass the budget. One success that the Republicans can claim is not letting Obama govern. There is a general feeling among the public that they cannot keep up with life and all of the changes. Trump is a good salesman and is watching to see what works with this general dissatisfaction, and is sticking with what works for him. Hillary was anointed by the Democratic Party but Sanders has strong support from younger voters. His message aligns with what they expect. In California government, term limits are being revised. Term limits empowers lobbyists but also has led to greater diversity. As to the U.S. Supreme Court it is now very obvious that it is partisan. As to newspapers, he feels that investigative journalism is still very important. On the political and social issues, editorially the Bee ultimately has to take a practical approach and position.

Minutes: The Minutes of March 17, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer' Report: David Rowell reported that the Club has a balance of \$1553.69. The State apparently reported that the Club had missed a report. Dave filed an amended financial report to the Secretary of State, and was told that we were OK.

President's Report: Jeni received a thank you letter from Dottie Smith, FCDWC, for the Club placing an ad in the program of their recent fund raiser.

Central Committee Report: Bob Jones passed out information on the accomplishments of the Central Committee for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Old Business:

Big Hat Days. This was one of our most successful events. We registered about 30 new voters including a number of Republicans who changed their registration to Democratic. A number of people expressed interest in the Club.

Central Committee Fund Raiser: With the addition of Judy and Wendell Noteboom the Club will have a table at the event. From our Club the following are on the CC Fund Raising Committee: Jeni Kren, Judi Steel, Dave Rowell, Joyce and Bob Jones. Jim and Gloria McClanahan donated a basket of books for the Silent Auction.

Fair Wage Act: The legislature came to agreement on \$15.00 an hour, phased-in to 2021.

Picnic Report: The annual Picnic BBQ will be held at the American Legion Hall, 4 Woodworth Ave, Clovis (Old Town), 6:00 p.m., Friday June 24., \$25 per person. Jeni passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers.