

Progressive Democrats of Benicia (PDB)

August 30, 2017

Attendees: Steve Young, Jack Kolk, Maggie Kolk, June Mejia, Ralph Dennis, Craig Snider

Absent: Phyllis Dubois, Kathy Kerridge, Stephen Austin Welch, Lisa Reinertson

Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm

Follow up on public meeting: 22 dues paying members

Logo – Received mock-up of logo from Stephen AW. Group made some suggestions for revision. Ralph will provide feedback to Stephen (change “of Benicia” font to “progressive” font and reverse the rainbow colors).

Press Release – Vicki Dennis reviewed and revised. Injected a quote attributed to June Mejias. The email address is listed on the PR as a contact for information. Jack will get a google phone number that will go to Ralph’s phone. Will send PR to the Benicia Herald and East Bay Times, Vallejo Times Herald – send now and then follow up with a calendar events a week before the meetings.

Awards Luncheon – Democratic Central Committee – did not discuss.

Planning for September 20 public meeting: – Reserved library meeting room Dona Benicia Room (\$30 per hour). Craig will stop by library on Thursday to pay deposit to hold reservation. Need to wrap up by 8:45pm. Address is 150 East L St., Benicia. Membership dues will be collected at the door and a donation jar for the room rental will be at the door.

Conference call with Mariko – discussed her topic of presentation at the 9/20 meeting. PDB will not be able to participate in party endorsements. As a chartered club, we have one vote on the central committee for purposes of endorsement. Will discuss party structure now and what we can look forward to in 2018 and 2020 elections. Too late to mount a campaign against Grayson. Mention the value of constant contact with state legislatures and effective ways to get legislators attention. Talk for 15 minutes – Q & A for 15. Ralph will send the press release to Marika. Agenda is flexible. Would like to invite Dave Jones, however, he is difficult to get in touch with. Steve will follow up with Marika to outline focus of her presentation.

Agenda for 9/20 meeting: Marika 30 minutes (+ or -); reintroducing the executive board, confirming mission, monthly speakers (candidates) – precinct walking, signs, focus will be on federal and local. Consider inviting other groups to speak on their experiences – Steve will approach representatives from complimentary groups (CPR – Ralph will contact Valerie and ask her to speak for 5 minutes; Steve will contact Marina from Indivisible to speak for 5 minutes. Fixed location and fixed date – considered – fourth Monday of the month at the Benicia Library. Craig will check availability on Thursday and report back to Ralph. Maggie and Ralph will work and correspond on the agenda and presentation for the meeting. Jack will provide projector. Kathy will again collect membership registration and dues.

Next public meeting date: Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.

Next committee meeting: Monday, September 25 at Kolk’s 1660 Shirley Drive at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 pm

Submitted by: Maggie Kolk

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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