

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia (PDB)
Membership Meeting**

March 13, 2018

Committee attendees: Jack Kolk, June Mejia, Maggie Kolk, Craig Snider, Phyllis Dubois, Steve Young, Pat Toth-Smith, Roger Straw, Lisa Reinertson

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

Ralph Dennis called the meeting to order.

Quorum – met.

Membership: 53 paid members; 5 new membership applications

Treasurer's Report: \$764.54 – rentals, crab feed, ad prior to the crab feed.

Meeting Minutes: Approval 9/17, 10/17, 11/17 minutes which were distributed earlier. Minutes were approved!

Esteemed attendees: Steve Young, Carrie Birdseye, Christina Strawbridge, Deanna DuPont from the Democratic Central Committee, Dana Dean from Solano County Board of Education, Benicia Mayor Elizabeth Patterson

Announcements:

- ▶ March 24 march for our lives: 10:00 at the foot First Street, march up First then rally at the park.
- ▶ Priority Based Budgeting survey discussed by Steve Young
- ▶ Vallejo/Benicia Indivisible have merged.
- ▶ Carquinez Resistance has been active in District 10 registering voters

Collateral materials for Delaine Eastin available on entry table.

Film on climate change was shown featuring Delaine

Speaker: Delaine Eastin, Democratic candidate for California Governor was introduced by Constance Beutel. Focus of speech: Education, environment, prisons, housing and the economy, women in politics, oil severance tax, bullet train, Prop 13, water.

Endorsement Committee – Ralph and Pat are the committee thus far. Endorsement process was discussed.

1. Membership must review the process before finalizing
2. Purpose: Making recommendations for candidate and ballot measure endorsement
3. Members: Roger Straw volunteered

Suggestions: Have a bank of questions to ask each candidate based on progressive principles

Pat pointed out the current short term plan is to focus on potential endorsements for the Primary in June. The list of possible candidates will be put forth at the April meeting. Friendly amendment to delete (6-8 questions) under Question F on the endorsement process was passed by membership.

Roger Straw moved to adopt the Endorsement Committee process; the motion was seconded and the membership approved.

Website: Jack Kolk discussed and showed the website. Ralph encouraged folks to send content to himself or Craig.

Adjourn: 8:38pm

Next Meeting: April 10 – Dona Benicia Room, Benicia Library – Kevin De Leon speaking

Submitted by: Maggie Kolk 03/13/18