

Albany Democratic Club
Thursday, March 16, 2017 7:00 PM
University Village Four Corners Room

Meeting Minutes

7:10 Call to Order

Introductions and Announcements

7:20pm Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/28/17. Approved.

7:25pm Committee Reports

- **Local:**
 - Religious Tolerance is the biggest issue
 - Community Policing. Racial profiling is a problem in Albany.
 - Rank-Choice Voting (Possible issues of Brown Act with three Charter Review Committee Members in the Club)
 - Housing + Homelessness; Costa-Hawkins Bill repeal
 - Limited parking in Solano / San Pablo area
- **State**
 - Strategize: get to know Thurmond, Skinner and their agenda
 - Decide if and who to endorse for CA Party Chair, join with other local Democratic Clubs to increase influence
 - Invite their staffers here to broker relationship
- **Federal**
 - ACA defense
 - Immediate Actions:
 - 5calls.org
 - Indivisible Berkeley: non-violent activism training
 - ACLU meeting: Create "freedom cities"
 - Meet with Sheriff at Alameda County
 - Collaborate with Democratic Clubs
 - Most important thing: put a structure in place so as to effectively ally with other clubs and organizations working in rapid response
 - March 25th at Laney College -- Barbara Lee sponsoring event to unify grassroots roots, holding organizing training
- **Swing**
 - Focus on aligning/collaborating with highly organized groups
 - Working Families Party, OFA, Hillary for America
 - Turning America Blue, Alameda County Dems

- Fundraise to support in-district groups
- CD-10 Blue is working on volunteer organizing; very low turnout
- Deep Canvassing Strategies
- Meeting: Wednesday, 7-9 before club meeting

8:05pm Democratic Party Presentation by Joey Kellner

- Works primarily as campaign organization, not policy
- 50-state strategy means funding/supporting state parties
- Each state party has committee in CA, 3,200 voting members
- Those 3,200 are drawn from county committees, assembly districts voted in odd years in January
- 80 assembly districts, each send 14 delegates
- Next step is the club; have the power to endorse
- Who can this club contact to be in touch with State Party?
 - Regional Directors are responsible for county clubs, constituencies, ours is Royce Kelly
- State Party has its own annual convention. This year in Sacramento in May.
 - Democratic State Central Committee are those who vote
 - 3 buckets of people:
 - Over time, registration declining (both major parties)
 - New voters do not register in party
 - State Dem Chair: Eric Bauman v. Kimberly Ellis
 - County Committee part of the State Elected Committee are

8:35pm SF Tax March Presentation by Anne Pruitt

- April 15th: 110 marches throughout the country
- Evidence of Tax Fraud could provoke impeachment
- SF at Civic Center
- Possibility of an Albany Democratic Club booth at the event

8:45pm President's Report

- **Endorsement Committee**
- **California Democratic Party Charter**
- Nick, Jennifer and Brian Beall will outline endorsement policy

8:48pm Treasurer's Report

- In the black!
 - \$0.00 start
 - \$600.00 dues
 - \$501.00 donations
 - (44.33) expenses
 - \$1,056.67 Balance as of 3/16/17

8:50pm Closing Comments

- Booth at Solano Stroll. Stephanie will chair
- May Day - General Strike. DSA, Labor Unions supporting
- April 22nd March for Science (Earth Day)
- Albany Community Action: Working in support of Sanctuary City. Hosting meeting Sunday 3/19 to prepare for City Council Meeting.
- City Council Meeting on 3/20/17- City Council Members will vote on whether Albany should become a Sanctuary City.

To Join a Subcommittee, email albanydemocraticclub@gmail.com, and Jennifer will connect you with your group!

Executive Committee will discuss additional means of communication for the Club, including a Google calendar for the website.

9:00pm Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017 at 7:00pm