**Davis Democratic Club Board Meeting**

**March 4, 2025**

President Stephen Souza called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Also in attendance were Gary Hopkins, Lili Garza, Ameer Alsawaff, Richard Yamagata, Jan Agee, Giles Giovinazzi, and Oliver Snow. Rick Gonzales was excused. Sandre Henriquez Nelson also attended.

The agenda and the December minutes were approved. There were no meetings in January and February.

Sandre, the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee (YCDCC) DEI chair, attended the meeting to find out what the priorities are for the Davis Democratic Club and where the YCDCC should be heading with the efforts in Yolo County. There was a lot of discussion regarding how communication needs to be improved with all Democrats within Yolo County and among the various groups. There needs to be a single calendar that reflects all the activities of the various Democratic clubs and advocacy organizations.

The YCDCC’s Communication Committee has been dormant, but it will be starting up again. Gary noted that the YCDCC’s website is very difficult to post to or use, which affects the local club’s websites as well. However, efforts are underway to resolve the website problems, and it was suggested that the Davis Democratic Club does have some money to help with this effort.

Stephen stated that another idea was to “think big.” He mentioned his experience in 1986 when he participated in the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament; the march went across the country over a period of nine months. He said a 2026 march could be called “Capitols to Capitols—a similar type of march across the country. However, he indicated he was not in a position to coordinate it.

Sandre thanked the Club members for their input, noting that he will convey the suggestions back to the YCDCC’s Executive Board.

Lili reported on the activities of the College Democrats. With the election cycle concluded, they are focusing on professional development, lobbying, and preparing for their major fundraiser, the Indigo Awards.

Oliver, reporting for the YCDCC, said that 100 people voted in person and 400 voted online for the ADEMS election. He added that the Central Committee held its organizational meeting at the end of January, and there will be a special meeting on March 10 to vote on the members who will represent the Democratic State Central Committee. Oliver also reported that the Committee is focusing more on strategic planning and social/community events. In addition, the group donated $3500 for the Indigo Awards event.

Ameer reported that the Club has $12,634 in its accounts. The Board voted unanimously to donate $1000 to sponsor the Indigo Awards. Two separate $2500 campaign checks to Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and Dan Osborn were not cashed and have since been voided.

Stephen noted that with Carl’s resignation, the club needs someone to do the newsletter, and he has been talking to Jonathon Howard.

Gary reported 215 members and 159 family units, but not many people have sent in their dues yet.

Stephen will check with Josh Chapman about using his backyard for the Champagne Brunch, tentatively set for May 18.

According to Richard, the Club has 18,000 followers on BlueSky, many of whom have moved over from X.

Giles said that we will be increasing our Facebook presence.

Kudos went to the Club members for continuing to be involved and to Rick for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at Mike Thompson’s Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm, and the next meeting is April 1.