

Davis Democratic Club Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

President Stephen Souza called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Other participants at the meeting included Richard Yamagata, Bob Bockwinkel, Ameer Alsawaff, Gary Hopkins, Giles Giovinazzi, Oliver Snow, Lili Garza, Bob Marr, Rick Gonzales, Jan Agee, Eileen Samitz, and Liz Reay. Richard announced that Chuck White will be dropped from the Board, based on the Club's bylaws, because he has had too many unexcused absences in a row.

The agenda was approved, and the minutes were approved with one addition.

During public comment, Liz said that she was glad that she can be with people to whom she can talk.

Stephen announced that April 5, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, there will be a Hands-Off protest/picnic at the Capitol. There was additional discussion regarding what a great job Corey Booker did speaking for 25 hours. He had 359 million likes on TikTok.

Lili reported that things have been relatively quiet for the College Democrats. They are lobbying, and most of their recent efforts have been directed toward the upcoming Indigo Awards.

Oliver reported for the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee (YCDCC), noting that a lot of the Yolo County delegates to the State Democratic Convention will be from Davis. He also said that Giles is overseeing the rechartering of the local clubs.

Ameer noted that as of April 1, the Club has \$11,012.06.

The Board members discussed the importance of getting information out frequently regarding the various resistance activities and other news. Indivisible is already doing a good job with this, and Jan will try to connect with Indivisible's local leadership to collaborate more in the future.

Richard reported that the Club has 20,725 followers on Bluesky, and he needs help with the postings. Eileen volunteered to help him.

Gary said that there are 19 paid members (13 families). The Club will need to contact members regarding paying their dues.

Because the Club still needs to find a newsletter editor, Stephen will contact Carl to ask if he can help explain what to do with anyone interested in taking on the task. There was a discussion regarding whether to ask the general membership if anyone is interested in the job. It also was discussed whether there needs to be a newsletter in its present format, in addition to sending out more frequent email blasts with updated information.

Once again, the problems with the Club's website were raised. Gary said that if the YCDCC, which hosts the site, can't fix the problems, the Club should find another place to house the website. There also was discussion regarding paying someone to help with the website.

The Champagne Brunch is scheduled for May 18. Stephen will confirm with Josh Chapman that his house is available on that date. Stephen will also invite all of the gubernatorial candidates to speak.

Kudos went to everyone at the meeting for all still being engaged in the Democratic process.

The next meeting is May 6. The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.