**Davis Democratic Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 5, 2025**

President Stephen Souza called the meeting to order. Also attending were Richard Yamagata, Eileen Samitz, Bob Bockwinkel, Elizabeth Reay, Gary Hopkins, Barbara Sommer, Rick Gonzales, Ameer Alsawaf, Oliver Snow, Thomas Alvarez, Giles Giovinazzi, Bob Marr, and Jan Agee.

The agenda was approved. There were no written minutes from the previous meeting.

Thomas reported that the Davis College Democrats had an active July, including going to the state legislature, providing witness testimony on legislation, phone banking for a Virginia House seat, and attending Mike Thompson’s Napa fundraiser and Town Hall at UCD on research cuts.

Giles reminded the group about the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee’s (YCDCC) August bash in West Sacramento on August 9. He also encouraged people to sign up for a shift at the YCDCC’s table at the Yolo Country Fair (Aug. 12-17). Oliver reported that there will be two open District 4 seats on the Central Committee, as Zaid and Hana will be moving. Oliver will also be moving to Sacramento soon.

Sister District/Indivisible and the Verbs will be holding organizational get-togethers on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at Dunloe Brewery on Olive Drive. The Club discussed giving $500 to Indivisible to support its postcard writing efforts.

Ameer reported that at the end of June the Club had $25,541, and at the end of July it will be about $26,600.

Gary said that the Club has 163 members, which is 119 family units. This number is behind last year’s total, and 70 people have not renewed their memberships. Rick has been doing as much as he can with follow-up calls, but he does not want to keep calling people who have not responded multiple times.

Barbara Sommer gave an update about her work with the newsletter and the website. She did not want the Club to discuss her potential Board membership until she shared her thoughts about the website. She noted that the outdated website is a much more serious problem than the newsletter, and it should be the priority. She was unable to fix the problems. So, as has been mentioned at previous meetings, the consensus was that the Central Committee and the Club need professional help to create a functional website.

Furthermore, it was noted that Richard should continue to send out announcements about upcoming events, because this is the information that members are most interested in.

After the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to add Barbara to the Board.

Announcements were made about upcoming events.

Reminders were repeated about the Yolo County Fair and the Central Committee’s fundraiser. Indivisible Yolo, The Phoenix Coalition, and Brown Issues will receive awards at the fundraiser.

The Club’s Fall BBQ will be held at Stephen’s house on October 25 from 2 to 5pm.

Kudos went to Barbara, Richard, and Rick. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm, and the next meeting will be September 7.