



Marsh Creek Dems

Minutes of the Meeting on September 16, 2018

Mountain Mike's Pizza, Brentwood

- I** Call to order – The meeting was called to order by President Don Smith at 2:01 pm
- II** Introductions
- A. Our new attendees introduced themselves and mentioned why they had decided to attend. Don recognized our special guests
- III** Old Business
- A. Don went over the list of Local Democratic Candidates
- B. The minutes were handed out and approved without correction
- C. Thuy DaoJensen, Candidate for Brentwood Union School Board and Paul Seger, Candidate for Diablo Water Board were introduced
- D. The By-Laws were passed out to all attendees. This is the 2nd time they have been distributed. Linda, Interim Secretary, asked for any additions, corrections, amendments or discussion and upon hearing none, announced the vote on the By-laws would be at our next meeting, October 21st
- E. Judy Abraham, Interim Treasurer went over the Budget Handout. We have taken in \$345 in dues and had \$43.23 in expenses since the last meeting.
- F. Shannon thanked Valerie Thurston for personally shepherding 5000 Postcards for Andrew Janz Congressional Candidate in the 22nd District. Many of our members spent hours writing postcards and donating money for postage.
- IV** **Text Bank Follow-up - Judy Abraham**
- A. www.openprogress.com Judy went over the Text Bank process and encouraged members to test the waters. She provided her phone number for anyone who has questions: (816) 223-5139. She is available after 6:00 most days. For those who would like to have some comradery while Text Banking, Linda and Don are sponsoring a Text Bank Get together Oct. 14th at 2:00 at their home. Just RSVP to (949) 575-0281 and they will send you the address. Bring your laptop and cell phone
- V** **New Business**
- A. Vecky Elliott, Field Director, McNerney for Congress talked to the group on Jerry McNerney's Voter Registration Effort. Congressman McNerney is looking at not only increasing the Democratic Voter Turnout for this election, but providing long term growth in the democratic presence in Contra Costa County while assisting local democratic clubs increase membership.
1. They will provide you with a list of non-registered voters in your neighborhood so you can canvass and have them fill in Voter Registration Forms or you can join them at one of the dates below at their Antioch Office from 12pm to 6 pm. Bring your SMART phone if possible.
 2. September 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 29 & 30 October 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21
 3. Virtual Phone banking is also available
 4. McNerney for Congress Team is hiring experienced canvassers, phone bankers for the 2018 election cycle – They pay \$15 an hour. Contact Vecky Elliott vecky@jerrymcnerney.org
 5. The campaign has Phone Banking Monday through Sunday from 11 – 3 and 3 to 7 at campaign headquarters at 1113 W 10th St in Antioch. Campaign Headquarters is open 7 days a week from 9 to 5
- VI** **Guest Speaker - Thuy DaoJensen, candidate Brentwood Union School Board,**
- A. Thuy spoke on "My Political Candidate Training". She participated in the Progressive Change Campaign Committee's Candidate (PCCC) training Washington DC in April. She has received their endorsement and networked all over the U.S. She talked about why she is running and why School Board Elections are so important to the community.

VII Announcements

- A. A “Meet & Greet” for Marsh Creek Member and Candidate for Brentwood School Board, Dr. Thuy DaoJensen is being held on Sunday, **September 23rd** from 2 to 4 pm at 2776 De Martini Lane.
- B. Text Text
- C. Marsh Creek Dem Future Meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of each month: Oct. 21st, Nov 18th, Dec 16th. On **Oct 21st** we will vote on the By-Laws and have a Candidate Meet & Greet. Don explained that we cannot become chartered club without official By-Laws. John Hall, explained that if we can send all of the paperwork right after our By-Laws are approved, he will take it to the next County Democratic meeting a request approval for our club as we have more than met the requirement for 20 members in good standing.

VIII “Activate Yourself”

- A. Carol Weed, Rossmoor Voter Registration Volunteers, provided us with Voter Registration Training. She went through all of the rules and procedures and gave great examples of what you can expect. Voter registration closes October 22nd

IX Adjournment - President Don Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm with thanks for all who attended!