# American River Democrats

# General Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2017, 7:00 PM

# Location: Samurai Sushi, 12251 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

### Board Members Present: Barbara Leary – chair, Debbie Martinez, Ken Kiunke.

# Agenda/Introductions: A motion was made and passed to approve the agenda. Members and visitors introduced themselves.

# Recording Secretary Report: A motion was made and passed to approve the May minutes.

1. **Treasurer Report**: Barbara Leary reported a balance of $2684.20 as of May,2017.

# Communications Secretary Report: Ken Kiunke reminded the club to check the webpage for events and information on contacting representatives.

1. **President’s Report**: Barbara reported on a successful hone bank for Jon Ossoff, with 7 volunteers, many new to phone banking, and several hundred calls to Georgia. She reminded the club that there will be many seats in California to flip in 2018, (Darryl Issa, Jeff Denham, etc.) with phone banks and possible road trips. She thanked the volunteers who will man the State Fair DPSC booth on July 28.
2. **DPSC Report:** Alex Padilla updated on the changes to voting in California that are coming – live ballots will be sent to all, voting centers will be open 10 days early, and improved on-line access to results.
3. **Community Activity:** Ed Tavares will be coordinating a volunteer opportunity for club members to help out with the Orangevale Food Bank in September. The club is looking for ways to support our communities in addition to political activism.
4. **Pre-Endorsement Delegate:** Barbara asked for volunteers to step up to be delegates representing the club for pre-endorsements. We may have up to 3 open spots based on membership. Ken Kiunke and Debbie Martinez volunteered to be our AD6 representatives and Dee Emmert volunteered to be our AD 8 representative if we have enough qualifying members for those seats. The group approved the self nominations by acclamation as there were no challengers.
5. **Voter Registration:** The new citizen voter registration event will be on June 28.
6. **Action requested :** Bill Durston pointed out that the US’s usual response to another mass shooting is to simply “be nice” to each other, especially from our lawmakers (the show of unity after the D.C. baseball practice shooting.) He urged members to call congress and demand real action on gun control.
7. **Knock on Every Door:** A project to contact every voter will be underway in the coming year. More details will be coming, and an event is planned for September. Dee Emmert has volunteered to coordinate this effort.

# Speaker: Matthew Ceccato from Congressman Bera’s office spoke about the operations of the office, and the many resources available from your representative.

1. **Upcoming meetings**: The next ARD meeting is a summer social event on July 14. The next official club meeting will be on August 16.