**American River Democrats**

**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

DATE: March 02, 2015, 7 p.m.

PLACE: Panera Bread

ATTENDING: B. Leary, K. Kiunke, B. Di Regolo, A. Targos,

ABSENT: L. Robinson, D. Martinez

Minutes:

1. A motion was made to approve the agenda and members approved agenda.
2. A motion was made and passed to approve the Board Meeting minutes from February.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Betty reported that the ending balance for February was 875.21. Copy of full report will be available at the March general meeting. Betty has volunteered to send dues reminder letters to members.
4. Communications Secretary’s Report: Ken reported that he will look into putting information about the ARD general meeting in the Rancho Cordova paper, the Grapevine.
5. President’s Report: Before the meeting, Barbara informed the board members that Brandon Bell passed away on February 28th. Barbara asked for suggestions about how best to analyze the club survey data that Brandon had been working on. Betty volunteered to take a look at the data. A motion was made and passed to donate up to $50 to a cause or organization that Brandon supported, possibly a veteran’s organization. Barbara will ask Brandon’s family if they can suggest an organization.

Evelyn Davis and Barbara Leary attended the February New Citizen’s Ceremony with members of other local democratic clubs and collected many registrations. Barbara also attended the multi-club candidate endorsement forum in February and reported that it was well organized.

1. Call for Bylaws revision recommendations: The board approved a motion to suspend the bylaws regarding the addition of the following amendment to expedite the change as requested by the CA Democratic Party. The motion was approved to add the following Section 3 to Article V of the bylaws.

Should the Club have 20 paid members in one CA Assembly District, the club will select a delegate to CADEM (the California Democratic Party convention) for that district by providing notice to all members that such a seat is available.  Members may be nominated or self-nominated; notice will be given at least 5 days before the next general meeting requesting nominations and announcing the vote.  Nominees will be voted upon at the next General Club meeting.

1. Upcoming Meetings: The speaker for March 18th will be Damien Luzzo from the environmental caucus, who will provide updates on fracking legislation and efforts to curb adverse outcomes from fracking.
2. Next meeting: Monday, March 30, 7 pm- Panera.