**American River Democrats**

**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

DATE: May 4th, 2015, 7 p.m.

PLACE: Panera Bread

ATTENDING: B. Leary, K. Kiunke, B. Di Regolo, A. Targos, D. Martinez ABSENT: L. Robinson

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 April.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Betty reported that the ending balance for February was $839.11.
4. 2015 Budget needs discussion. Betty will review expenses for the last few years and develop a list of ongoing expenses. This would include items like printing agendas and flyers and paying for dinner for the monthly speakers. Upcoming expenses include $50 for the membership recruitment challenge and $50 to be donated to a veteran’s organization in memory of Brandon Bell.
5. Communications secretary report: Ken Kiunke is continuing to update the ARD website with meeting documents and information about club speakers and events.
6. President’s Report: TPP Update - Rep. Ami Bera now supports the Trade Promotion Authority bill to fast track the Trans-Pacific Partnership, as he describes in his May 2nd Op Ed piece in the Sacramento Bee.
7. California Democratic Council – see <http://www.cdc-ca.org/>. We decided to wait to bring it up to the general membership after receiving more information about whether it will cost us anything, how the council is financially supported, and what they do with member information.
8. Betty shared graphs that displayed the results of the ARD Members survey, showing high and low interest issues. Identifying Democratic Candidates and Health Care for all had the highest interest. Members responded that they would personally volunteer to help with the following: Mental Health, Climate Change/Environment, Education, Health Care for all, Clean Energy, and Identifying Candidates.
9. Three volunteers are needed for a nominating committee to present names of club members who are interested in ARD board positions.
10. 4th of July Event in Rancho Cordova- there will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the next general meeting.
11. Upcoming Meetings: The speaker for May 20th will be Matthew Ceccato, (Bera Field Rep) on Veteran’s issues. The speaker in June will be Kate Uppal on the Blue Values Coalition
12. Next meeting: Monday, June 1st, 7 pm- Panera.