

FRESNO STONEWALL DEMOCRATS

Minutes of 8-11-2020 Membership Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom web and telephone meeting platform

Call to Order

President Marsha Conant called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M., followed by a flag salute and introductions. Remembrances: Michael Evans's mother, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson's stepson, 160,000 people lost to COVID, San Joaquin City Council Member Jose Bernales, 29 trans women, and the people of Beirut.

Speaker: Jim Costa, U.S. House of Representatives, California's 16th District

- Representative Costa Discussed support and enthusiasm for presidential ticket, support for LGBTQ issues, pandemic & recession (500,000 Californians out of work), bipartisan relief bills including the CARES package, payroll protection program, efforts to provide personal protective equipment.
- He also discussed COVID challenges, noting that with 4.5% of the world's population, the U.S. has 26% of the cases, noting that the Senate plan provided no support for schools.
- Representative Costa also expressed support for HR5 Equality Act: anti-discrimination act for employment, education, access to credit, housing, and accommodations, and thanked Stonewall for their endorsement.
- In answer to questions, the Representative discussed his support for infrastructure improvements, that he has voted 178 times opposing the overturning of the Affordable Care Act, support for voting by mail and the postal system, support for transgender individuals, called for resignation of Merritt Corrigan who had a history of homophobic and xenophobic rhetoric, and the administration's abuse of power through the Department of Justice

Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

- President Conant asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. **MOTIONED, SECONDED, PASSED.**

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Terry Stasio shared the Treasurer's Report, and asked for a motion to reconcile the ledger balance to match the bank account balance. Motion to deem the bank statement correct and accurate and force balance the ledger: **MOTIONED, SECONDED, PASSED.**

President's Report:

- President Conant noted simply that this is the most important election of our lifetimes, and asked that the Club members get involved.

Legislative Report

- Vice President Senkowski noted that the Legislative Committee is creating guidelines to structure the Committee, recruit members, and that the Committee will be reviewing legislation which has been selected for monitoring which they will discuss and present at a future meeting.

Bylaws Revisions

- Board Member Mackey discussed the bylaws revisions including the need to tackle ambiguity around roles and responsibilities, virtual meetings, and other topics. Members suggested support and revisions for various sections which will be brought to a future meeting. Board Member Mackey noted sections of the bylaws which will be voted on separately in order to allow them to be amended, adopted, or rejected separately.

Endorsements

- **Brynne Kennedy, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, California's 6th District was ENDORSED with 11 out of 13 affirmative votes**

Adjournment

- President Conant adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.