

North Valley Democratic Club Minutes
August 20, 2009
Jo Pascoe, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 7:13 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected officials in attendance were Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, Judge Chris Lee, Councilpersons Anita Wood and Robert Eliason, and Planning Commissioner Joe DePhillips.

Congresswoman Shelley Berkley came to the floor at 7:17 p.m. to give a Congressional update.

She said, "What a difference a year makes."

- We are losing population
- There are 1 of 47 foreclosures
- 12% unemployment

Ms. Berkley spoke at a Town Hall Meeting. There are a lot of angry, frustrated, worried people.

Health Care Issues:

- There are 3 committees in the House and 2 in the Senate
- 450,000 Nevadans do not have health insurance
- Every hospital is in debt
- She is going to support legislature to provide preventive medicine
- The current system is not sustainable

Renewable Energy:

- We must create an entire green economy based on renewable energy
- We must have our own reliable energy source by harnessing wind, sun, and geothermal

Mass Transit:

- Taiwan has a high-speed train for mass transit
- There is 8 billion dollars in the stimulus package to develop mass transit in this country

Stimulus Package:

- Good for the people; 1 million people got tax credits
- Social Security - \$250 rebate
- Disabled Vets - \$250 rebate
- Unemployment – extended to the end of December; increase of \$25 a week
- Legislation slashed:
 - Education system
 - Medical Program
 - Infrastructure money
 - Flood control project

Ms. Berkley ended her talk at 7:45 p.m. and then answered questions from the floor.

Stephanie Smith thanked Shelley for a good job. Ms. Smith said that health care will come about.

The meeting recessed at 8:05 for a cake in Ms. Berkley's honor.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 with the Treasurer's report given by Mike Pascoe:

- Ending balance: \$1481.58
- 5 new members this evening

Report was approved and carried.

A motion to remove the former Recording Secretary was made by Anita Wood and seconded and approved.

Stephanie Smith made a motion to appoint Jo Pascoe as Recording Secretary. Seconded and approved.

Stephanie Smith also made a motion to appoint Jeff Kaiser as Corresponding Secretary. Seconded and approved.

A discussion followed:

- The theme of our September meeting will be "Back to School."
- Motion to have an ongoing community service of a school supply drive at every meeting made by Shari Grothier and seconded by Josi Audia.

The 50-50 Raffle was held with Josi Audia as the winner for \$18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.