



GENERAL MEETING  
October 26, 2012

President Mark Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Susan Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved and approved to accept the minutes from last meeting as well as the Treasurer's Report.

The designated speaker, Erin Neff, had cancelled; on top of that, her promised replacement did not even show up. They will have words with Susan.

Dan Hart talked about an Education Initiative that will hopefully be on the ballot in 2014. By taking the problem of funding for education directly to the voters they can bypass the Legislature. They need 18,000 signatures from all the four districts. Currently they have 60,000 signatures.

Cynthia Cell talked about Ballot Question 2 that proposes an additional property tax of 21.2 cents per \$ 100,000 assessed value. This would go to address the most critical needs of school buildings. Over 40 schools in the valley have special needs. Nine schools need to be closed and new ones built. However, only two new schools are being built from scratch. Enrollment is increasing again and 1000 students are crammed onto a campus built for 750. Buildings are a precursor to learning. Floods, lack of air condition, or lack of electrical outlets to accommodate a computer class are disruptive. These funds cannot be used for teachers and the tax would expire in six years.

Phung Jefferson running for District Court Judge Department 5 gave a presentation and appealed for votes. The same did Benny Yerushalmi running for State Senate District 6.

The Pot of Gold was won by Bev Norton who donated the winnings back to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lisa Kershaw**

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Lisa Kershaw, recording secretary

