



Building the Democratic Party in Summerlin and the Western Valley

General Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2017

President Dan Kruger called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Rich Cornstuble led the membership and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Treasurer Edith Byrd, Ginni Kruger read the Treasurer's Report. Income from membership and Pot of Gold was \$402.22 and Expenses were \$290.00. A detailed Treasurer's report is available upon request for current members. Shirley Koegel made the motion to approve as read. George Trachtman seconded the motion. Members approved the motion.

Howard Beckerman made the motion that the General Meeting minutes from March not be read and it should be approved. Frank Fopiano seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership. Minutes are posted to our website upon approval. Chris Miller, Chair of Clark County Democratic Party spoke briefly about the upcoming elections for the Clark County Central Committee and if anyone is interested in running for office, please call the CCDP for information and deadline date.

President's Report – Dan spoke of the changes proposed to the Club's By-laws. These were approved by the Board and must now be presented to the membership. The changes are as follows:

Remove Article 5, Section 5 Eliminate the position of Corresponding Secretary. Adding to Secretary duties the following: Upon request shall present new members with the latest revision of the Club Bylaws.

Remove Article 6, Section 4 Eliminate the Petty Cash fund.

Article 6, Section 1 – Expenditures up to \$300 must be approved by the Board. Expenditures over \$300 must be approved by a vote of the membership

Article 6, Section 3 – Remove statement regarding 2 signers on checks (as the banks no longer do this). State that all checks must be signed by the Treasurer or the President, subject to the approval of the Board.

Local city elections will be on June 13th. Early voting is from May 27th until June 9th. Everyone is encouraged to support the Democratic candidates as we saw in the last election, grass roots work really does work for getting Democrats elected.

Dan asked everyone on the Central Committee to remember the date July 8th for the election of new officers. It will start at 10 Am and continue until the elections are finished. The location will be announced at a later date.

Howard Beckerman, chair of our fundraiser Beat the Heat gave a progress report. It will be on August 12th from 9:30 AM until Noon here at Temple Sinai. He asked anyone interested in helping with the fundraiser to see him after the meeting so he could get their information.

Apryl Lyttle informed the membership and guests of a campaign suggested by James Zygodlo, 3rd Vice Chair of the CCDP. This program "Democrats Care" is to put more emphasis on sharing and caring with the neighborhood in which we live. She shared with us a program she currently volunteers with "Serving Hope". She asked the membership to bring non-perishable food so that it can restock a food pantry at an unprivileged High School in Las Vegas. Many times the children do not have food in their homes. A suggestion from the audience was to plan a school supply drive at the end of summer for this school. Apryl stated she would put additional information on the Red Rock Dems facebook page and once Ginni has the information it will be included on the website.

Dan announced the following speakers: May – Todd Story, ACLU of Nevada

June – Sondra Cosgrove, President of League of Women Voters and History instructor at CSN

He then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mike Kelly 1st vice chair of the CCDP. Mike spoke on being a member of the Central Committee and how that makes you a precinct captain. Training has begun for precinct captains and is ongoing. The next trainings are Saturday April 29th and May 6th at the county office from 10 AM til noon. For those who are not members of the CCDP Mike explained how you can become a member. He gave the audience his phone number and email address so they can contact him for any questions or concerns.

Dan recognized the local elected officials and candidates in attendance. Many of the candidates present spoke briefly. Arnie Blanco an At Large Member of the DNC spoke about information she had recently learned from the DNC. Jenny Sherwood of the NV Democratic Party informed the members and guests of current events going on within the state.

The representative of the Asian Caucus spoke about an upcoming fundraiser to be held on May 13th from 11 AM until 6 PM at the SF Supermarket parking lot in Chinatown on Spring Mountain Road.

Winners of the Bring A Friend Challenge were Michele Shafe and Shirley Koegel.

The Pot of Gold was won by Connie Webb. The remaining \$43.00 went to the Club.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Submitted by Virginia Kruger, Secretary