

NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Manny Hernandez in the Quail Room of the Foundation Building in Sun City West at 6:30 PM. Present were Lonna Fischer, Vice-President; Walt Bisbee, Treasurer; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; Margarita Silva, Member-At-Large; and Ken Kovach, Member-At-Large.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the board were introduced.

Walt gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$3,602.81 in our account and 95 paid members.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Manny Hernandez

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Linda Olsen, a member who passed away earlier this year. She was a strong Democrat and wife of Bob Olsen, who ran for Congress in 2020.

We need volunteers to help our candidates through postcarding and phone banks. Lonna will be in charge of coordinating postcarding. We need a committee person to collect contact information for volunteers.

Manny asked the membership to approve donations of \$200.00 to each of 3 local candidates: David Sandoval, candidate for state Senate LD28; Stephanie Holbrook, candidate for state House LD28; and Scott Podeny, candidate for state House LD29. The membership approved this donation unanimously by a show of hands and verbally. Donations will be given to the candidates for use after the primary.

The club breakfast is the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9 AM at Betty's Rooste in Sun City West. Please RSVP to the email if you plan to attend.

Our meeting in May will be the last before our summer break as there will be no meetings in June, July and August. We are looking to find an appropriate place to socialize in the evenings during these months.

Aaron Lieberman

Aaron Lieberman, candidate for Governor, was born and raised in Arizona. He served in the Arizona House. During the pandemic, he worked with Democrats and Republicans to get funding to support teachers for long distance learning. His goal is for Arizona to be the best place to raise a family and start a business.

He helped found JumpStart, a non-profit to prepare children for Kindergarten. Later, he founded Acelero Learning, a company in 20 states, focused on assisting Head Start children. As Governor, he would not sign a budget until pay raises are given to teachers so that average teacher pay would rank in the middle of all states, giving teachers an increase in pay of over \$10,000.00 and until there is legislation giving all 4-year olds the opportunity to attend a year of free pre-Kindergarten. See his website: www.aaron4az.com

Martin Quezada

Martin Quezada is the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer. He is a law school graduate and served in the Arizona House and Senate, where he was Democratic whip for 6 years.

As Treasurer he would have several responsibilities: 1) As state banker, collect and distribute funds to governmental agencies 2) As chief investment officer, prepare for the long-term, including preparing for difficult times such as the pandemic 3) As chief facilitator for transparency about state finances, he would help understanding of the state's finances and comment on the effect of proposals by the Legislature or Governor on them. He would offer financial education programs to help Arizonans understand basic money management and would create a task force to find ways to make housing more affordable in Arizona by lowering the costs of home ownership and renting.

See his website: www.martinquezada.com to volunteer and to make a donation.

David Sandoval

David Sandoval is the Democratic candidate running for the Arizona Senate in LD28, which includes Sun City West. He has served on the Governing Board of the Peoria Unified School District for several years and is now in his third year as President. He has also served on a hospital board of trustees and is the owner of a small business. If elected, he would fight for more investment in education and against bills, such as those recently passed, that restrict or punish teachers.

See his website: www.sandoval4senate.com to volunteer and to make a donation.

Manny stated he will work with the new LD28 to coordinate volunteers for postcarding, phoning and canvassing for the election.

Margarita was the winner of the 50-50 raffle and she donated the money back to the club. Nancy Schubert won the raffle for a book and tee shirt.

Dean Campbell, LD28 Treasurer, announced that the LD28 meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month, including via Zoom, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. See their website: azld28dems.org

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano
Secretary

