

NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Lonna Fischer, in the Quail Room of the Foundation Building in Sun City West at 6:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Lonna introduced the current board members present: Walt Bisbee, Treasurer; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; Manny Hernandez, Member-At-Large and Margarita Silva, Member-At-Large.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report

Walt gave the Treasurer's Report. After a beginning balance of \$4,256.70, we had expenses of \$196.00 for the room rental, \$50.00 for a gift card, \$200.00 for a donation to Saguaro Jane Food Bank and \$52.00 for cookies for tonight's meeting. We now have a balance of \$3,758.70 in our account.

Board Members for 2022

At our last meeting we elected board members for next year. Lonna announced the names of the board members for 2022: Manny Hernandez, President; Lonna Fischer, Vice-President; Walt Bisbee, Treasurer; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; Margarita Silva, Member-At-Large; Ken Kovach, Member-At-Large; and John Fried, Member-At-Large. Frank Cople will continue as Political Action Chair.

Dean Campbell

Dean Campbell spoke about the importance of Precinct Committee People (PCs) who help ensure information from party leaders is communicated to others in the party. This can be done through knocking on doors, phoning, texting and other means. Although some precincts may change with redistricting, most will remain the same. To become a PC, one needs 10 signatures on a petition to get on the ballot.

Breakfasts

We will not have our monthly breakfast this month. We will look for a new place to have our breakfasts on the 4th Wednesday of each month for next year.

David Sandoval

David Sandoval spoke about his candidacy for the state Senate for LD-22. He has lived in Arizona all his life and is a businessman who owns a marketing firm. He is president of the Peoria Unified School District and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Abrazo Health's Maryvale Hospital. He believes in the need to make all youth successful by investing in education, affordable health care for all, women's reproductive rights, the importance of labor unions, and the need for more vetting of who can purchase a firearm. To sign his petition, you can go to sandoval4Senate.com

Manny Hernandez, President-Elect

Manny stated some of his goals as president are to give members information about local candidates and to encourage and train members to provide input on pending legislation to the state legislature through Request to Speak (RTS). He will ask members to get involved by volunteering and urged members to become a PC. Through our efforts, we can change things.

He encouraged members to contribute non-perishable food items to the Saguaro Jane Food Bank, which serves many people in need.

Nancy Schubert read a poem she wrote after the Sandy Hook school shooting, "ABC's of Elementary School" which commemorates those who died that day. The 9th anniversary of that tragedy will be next week.

\$61.00 was received from the 50-50 raffle. John Kellerman was the winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM and members enjoyed coffee and cookies to celebrate the holidays.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano
Secretary