NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Morgan at 6:12 PM via Zoom with 12 participants, including Lonna Fischer, Vice-President; Walt Bisbee, Treasurer; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; Manny Hernandez, Member-At-Large; Margarita Silva, Member-At-Large; Sherry Loch, Member-At-Large; and Frank Copple, Political Action Chair.

Treasurer’s Report

After the pledge of allegiance, Walt gave the Treasurer’s Report. We have 87 paid members and a balance of $3,822.85 in our account. Walt will send a check to Janet for $79.00 to reimburse her for the cost of obtaining the website security certificate.

Club Publicity

Club tee shirts are for sale for men and women at a cost of $10.00 each.

We have stopped advertising our meetings in the Sun City West Independent since we are having meetings on Zoom and not physical meetings. When we resume having physical meetings, we will advertise our meetings there again.

Margaret stated that our website now has the January meeting minutes; updates need to be made to the “Officers” page and the “Contact Us” page.

LD-22 Meeting/Joint Project

Dean Campbell stated that we can sign up to attend the LD-22 meeting on Feb. 18th by going to the LD-22 website. The joint project of LD-22 and NWVD to contact those households in Sun City West which displayed Biden yard signs during the election aims to increase our club membership and participation in the political process. This will include canvassing and sending of printed postcards in the mail to these households. Lonna and Sherry will work on the message to be printed on the postcards. At the LD-22 meeting Dean will introduce Lonna who will discuss this project.

Gizette Knight, Speaker

Sandy introduced Gizette Knight, CEO of Reality Dreams, LLC, who has been responsible for the project to paint 28 murals of historic Black figures. This commemorates the 28 days of Black History Month in February. More than a dozen artists are painting these murals on buildings in central Phoenix this month. Many of the people depicted are not well known; the largest one at the George Washington Carver Museum will feature George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. There also will be a mural depicting President Obama, John Lewis and Kamala Harris. It is planned to have a caravan of cars to see all the murals at some future date. It was suggested that photos of these murals be taken and put in a book. A list of the mural locations is available on Facebook.

Art Exhibit in Surprise

There is an exhibit of the works of 7 Black Arizona artists in Surprise at the Civic Center Plaza. It will continue through March 5th.

Sandy will send another e-mail out on paying dues for this year. Those who are not paid members by the end of February will be removed from our mailing list.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Our next meeting will take place on March 10th via Zoom at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano

Secretary