

NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 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 6:25 PM. After the pledge of allegiance, Lonna stated that our president, Sandy Morgan, had resigned for health reasons and that Lonna was now Acting President. She introduced the board: Walt Bisbee, Treasurer; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; Manny Hernandez, Member-At-Large; and Margaret Silva, Member-At-Large. Sherry Loch, Member-At-Large, attended via Zoom.

New members and guests from Sun City and Sun City West were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report

Walt gave the Treasurer's Report. We have 40 members who have paid their dues for 2022 prior to tonight. \$407.00 from dues and the 50-50 raffle were deposited in our account. We now have a balance of \$3,791.70. The cost for the meeting room rental is \$196.00 per month.

Frank Copple

Frank Copple, Political Action Chair, spoke about the COP26 conference in Glasgow on climate change. There was agreement to end deforestation by 2030, reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030, speed up ending fossil fuel subsidies, and reduce the use of coal. Richer countries are committed to providing financial assistance to poorer countries in transforming to low carbon emissions economies and for mitigation strategies. Challenges facing the conference are the facts that over 500 fossil fuel delegates are attending the conference and Russia and China are not.

Frank also spoke about the need for Precinct Committee People ("PCs") to contact Democrats in their neighborhoods. Each precinct gets 1 PC plus 1 for every 125 voters. LD-22 has 300 PC openings. This is an elected position but at times can be by appointment. Frank emphasized that we need more PCs to contact voters and urged members to volunteer to become a PC. Go to the website azdem.org to learn more. Click on "About", "Take Action" and "PCs".

Lauren Kuby

Lauren Kuby is a candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission. She is a sustainability scientist at ASU, a Tempe council member, and a political activist, and a former Vice-Mayor of Tempe. She is running with Sandra Kennedy for the 2 open positions. If they both win, there will be a Democratic majority, 3 commissioners of 5, on the ACC. Her goals are to promote solar energy and energy efficiency. Clean energy jobs will be created which cannot be outsourced. She will fight for fair utility rates. As a Clean Elections candidate, she needs signatures on her petition and \$5.00 donations. The legislature is seeking to take away the power of the Corporation Commission to set rates, a power the Arizona Constitution gives it.

Lynn Peters

Lynn Peters of the LD-22 board spoke about the work of the Independent Redistricting Commission. Their work, required by the 2020 census, involves redistricting for Arizona's 9 congressional districts and 30 legislative districts. Final draft maps are now being considered. Criteria used to draw the district lines include equal population, compactness and contiguousness, respect for communities of interest and creation of competitive districts where no significant detriment to other goals. Comments can be made until December 3rd. See the website irc.az.gov for lists of hearings which are held in Sun City and Avondale. You can view hearings live on their website or watch at a later date through a You Tube video. Email Lynn at lynnpetersld22dem@gmail.com to request receiving a newsletter on redistricting. An Indivisible group also has a link tree website on Arizona redistricting.

The draft map now puts us in the same congressional district with Lake Havasu City, Kingman and the Colorado River Indian reservation. We do not have the same interests as voters in these areas. Lynn urged attending these meetings even if you do not testify to say you agree with the testimony of a previous witness. To receive a copy of Lynn's planned testimony on her concerns on the draft map, request a copy from her via email. Your comments can be made at the commission's website.

Dean Campbell

Dean Campbell, LD-22 Treasurer, spoke about the yard sign initiative that LD-22 and our club have been working on for the past year. Volunteers contacted households that had displayed Democratic yard signs in 2020 and invited them to come to our meetings and asked whether they would display candidate signs for 2022. As a result, 301 households have agreed to display 2022 campaign signs. LD-22 coordinates volunteer work with local clubs for local races. See their website: ld22democrats.com

Election of Officers for 2022

Nancy Schubert, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following list of candidates for the board for 2022:

President—Manny Hernandez	Vice-President—Lonna Fischer
Secretary—Margaret Cordovano	Treasurer—Walt Bisbee
At-Large positions—Margarita Silva, Ken Kovach, and John Fried	

Nancy asked if there were any additional nominations and none were made. After the nominations were closed, the above candidates were elected by acclamation, all members voting yes and no members voting no.

\$85.00 was received from the 50-50 raffle. Keith Steffen was the winner. After taking \$20.00 of the winnings, he donated the rest back to the club.

We will not have our monthly breakfasts in November or December because of the holidays. Our next meeting will be December 8th at 6 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano
Secretary