

NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Walt gave the Treasurer's Report. We have a balance of \$2,519.85 in our account. 38 members have paid dues for next year, not including those who paid today. We have had about 120 members during this past year. Our expenses include \$196.00 per month for room rental. Members applauded Walt for his 5 years of service as Treasurer.

Manny

Next month we will have a party instead of a meeting. The club will provide pizza, salad and beverages to members. Guests will be charged \$5.00. The event will take place at our regular meeting time, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Members may bring desserts to share. Manny will speak about what the club is planning to do next year and there will be door prizes.

Manny thanked members who brought food donations for the Saguaro Jane Foodbank tonight. We will bring the donations to them.

Unfortunately, Ne'Lexia Galloway, Director of the Maricopa County Democratic Party, who was scheduled to speak this evening, had to cancel as she was still working on ballot curing of mail-in ballots from yesterday's election.

Manny encouraged members to run for office on boards of local groups such as PORA (Property and Residents Association) of Sun City West. There are some offices on the ballot for which there is no Democratic candidate. We would like to see Democratic candidates running for these offices. Manny thanked the 3 candidates who ran for the state House and Senate in LD28 and LD29. It is important to plan ahead for our next election.

We have worked with other Democratic clubs in past years and are beginning to do so again. Although Manny will not be on the board next year, he will continue as a club member and plans to work with LD29.

Frank Copple encouraged members who are property owners to join the board of the Sun City West Water Committee of PORA. They will meet November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Scherich, who will serve as our Membership Chairperson next year, was introduced by Manny. Several members made suggestions about ways we could recruit new members.

John Fried offered his resignation as Member-At-Large and it was accepted by Manny. The Nominating Committee consists of John Fried, Chairperson, Lonna Fischer and Margarita Silva. John was named Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to replace Stephanie Rogall.

#### Election of Board Members for 2023

The election was conducted by John Fried who presented the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for the board of the Northwest Valley Democrats for 2023:

President:	Maria Bears
Vice-President:	Lonna Fischer
Secretary:	Margaret D. Cordovano
Treasurer:	Jan Martinez
Members-At-Large:	Margarita Silva
	Ken Kovach
	Walt Bisbee

John asked several times if there were any additional nominations from the floor for each office. There being none, the candidates were elected by acclamation.

Manny introduced and welcomed new members and guests. He encouraged members to pay their dues for next year in the amount of \$15.00 and to attend meetings of LD28, which includes Sun City West. The dates and places of their meetings can be found on their website and attendance can be via Zoom. Frank Copple suggested that a speaker from LD28 address the club.

Our club breakfasts are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Bette's Rooste in Sun City West at 9 a.m.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Gary Krause in the amount of \$52.00. Club members thanked Manny for his years of service as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano  
Secretary