

NORTHWEST VALLEY DEMOCRATS
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Manny Hernandez in the Quail Room of the Foundation Building in Sun City West. Present were Lonna Fischer, Vice-President; Margaret Cordovano, Secretary; John Fried, Member-At-Large; Ken Kovach, Member-At-Large; Margarita Silva, Member-At-Large; and Frank Copple, Political Action Chair.

David Sandoval

After the Pledge of Allegiance, David Sandoval, candidate for the State Senate for LD28, spoke about the importance of the November election, his qualifications for the position and his views on issues facing voters. He stated that democracy is on the ballot. The right to vote, investment in public education and dealing with climate change will be affected by who gets elected. He is an Arizona native and has served as President of the Peoria Unified School District. In this position he has had experience in listening to people with differing views and can work with people with different mindsets. He believes public education needs to be better funded and that the new law that allows money to be taken from funds for public schools and given parents for vouchers to pay for private schools harms public schools and does not help low income students.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls. Sign up at his website: sandoval4senate.com Lonna encouraged members to donate to his campaign.

Manny introduced the members of the board and welcomed guests and new members.

Treasurer's Report

John read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of the Treasurer. We had \$2,928.89 in our account as of October 5th. Dues of \$15.00 for 2023 were received from 4 new members and 15 renewals were received tonight for a total of \$285.00.

Lonna pointed out that it is important for voters to vote for all the Democratic candidates on the entire ballot.

Manny

Voter guides have been distributed to households. Manny can give you a copy. Remember that mail-in ballots must be put in the mail by October 28th.

Elections for NWVD board members for next year will be held at our November meeting. At this meeting the Nominating Committee will present the names of candidates for each position on the board. We are looking for a chair for the Nominating Committee who must be someone not on the board. We need to find candidates for the positions of President and Treasurer.

We will have a social event on December 14th at our regular meeting time of 6 PM here in the Quail Room. The club will provide pizza, salad, and breadsticks to members.

The club has donated \$700.00 to LD28 for its share of the cost of printing and mailing the voter guides.

Claudia Yaeger-Smith

Claudia Yaeger-Smith is the Director of Poll Worker/Poll Watcher Recruitment.

Poll watchers or observers are needed to observe what happens at each of the polling stations. Poll watchers are volunteers certified by their party to observe and report any wrongdoing. Poll workers are paid employees of the county and serve in various capacities such as clerk, inspector or judge. More poll workers are needed. Manny will send out an email with contact information about applying for these positions.

Stephanie Holbrook

Stephanie Holbrook, candidate for the state House for LD28, spoke about her background and the issues facing voters. She is an Arizona native, an Army veteran and an endurance athlete coach. There are 3 important issues for Arizona voters: 1) The water crisis 2) Funding of public education and 3) Women's rights. There are ways we can deal with the water crisis without building desalination plants by implementing conservation measures. For example, capping canals to prevent evaporation. These would be more immediate and less expensive. We need legislators who will work to adequately fund public schools and preserve women's rights. See her website: stephanieholbrook.com

Volunteers are needed to send out postcards. Remember to vote for only 1 candidate on your ballot for the Arizona House. Lonna reminded members to contribute to her campaign.

John Siepmann was the winner of the 50-50 raffle in the amount of \$62.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Cordovano
Secretary

