

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

### GRAND DEMOCRATS

April 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Rhodes at 6:34 p.m. with him leading the pledge of allegiance.

President Rhodes welcomed all attendees including new members and guests.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** No corrections or changes were offered to the minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting. The minutes as circulated are approved.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** President Rhodes lamented Dr. Hiral Tipirneni's election loss for CD8 on Tuesday April 24, 2018. He stated that the Election evening event was attended by a very large crowd. He emphasized that candidates for the fall election will need not only help with phone calls, door-to-door workers, etc. but also financial support especially as most are running under the "clean elections" banner. He urged everyone to sign the "outlaw dirty money" petition.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** President Rhodes gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Paula Wilson, Treasurer. He reported that we currently have a healthy balance of \$4,700 in checking and \$2,600 in savings for a grand total of \$7,300.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Sharon Levinson, Program Co-Chair, announced upcoming meeting speakers: May 23<sup>rd</sup> - candidates for state level offices of Attorney General and Secretary of State; and June 27<sup>th</sup> - candidates for Arizona State Mine Inspector position, State Treasurer, and the Maricopa Community College Governing Board.

Membership: President Rhodes announced we have a record-setting 214 members.

### OLD BUSINESS

CD Matters: Before President Rhodes introduced Frank Reed to give the CD 8 report, he gave kudos to both Frank Reed and Barbara Nelson for all their efforts in the CD 8 Special Election. Everyone expressed appreciation through applause.

Frank shared a lot of interesting statistics from the primary election. These are very helpful in knowing which geographic areas are doing well in reaching voters and which need assistance. Frank's message to the membership was all about how all those who volunteered made the election as close as it was. In looking ahead to the fall, there are several priorities: 1) sign up everyone for early voting and 2) be sure every precinct in LD 22 has volunteers. He, again, thanked everyone who volunteered and made the difference.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Barbara Nelson, Program Co-Chair, briefly introduced each of the four candidates running for the Arizona Corporation Commission. She briefly described what the Commission does. Each candidate was asked to tell, if elected, what they hoped to accomplish, the expertise and experience that qualified them and how Grand Dems can help. Each of the four speakers was given 10 minutes with 5 minutes for follow-up questions. Those speaking were Jake Bell, Sandra Kennedy, Bill Mundell and Kiana Sears.

The regular General Election dates include the August 28<sup>th</sup> Primary with the final vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

President Rhodes thanked each presenter and gave each the Grand Dems coffee mug.

#### 50-50 RAFFLE

The drawing was held for the 50/50 raffle which collected \$88, half of which was won by Paula Wilson.

The next Grand Dems General Meeting will be Wednesday evening, May 23, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hodgson, Secretary