

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
GRAND DEMOCRATS
FEBRUARY 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Reed at 6:32 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Barry Bridges.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2016, meeting as published on the website was made by Ethel Brown and seconded by Floyd Cotton.

The President gave the Treasurer's report that we have \$5,624.93 in our checking account and \$1,241.38 in our savings for a total of \$6,866.31. The President reminded everyone in attendance to please pay their dues for the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Paula Parkel reported we currently have 85 members and 4 donors.

Social: Diane Miller reported we had 15 persons attending both the breakfast and dinner. She encouraged new members to attend to get to know other members in a social setting.

Elections: Barbara Nelson gave a presentation on Precinct Committeemen. It is now time to nominate persons to represent our precincts at the Democratic Party's Primary Election to be held August 30, 2016. Maps of the three Precincts in Sun City Grand were available for members to locate which precinct they live in. Members were encouraged to volunteer to represent their precinct. Several members took nomination petitions to fill out.

Fundraising: Judith Bridges announced our Election Kickoff Fundraising Party scheduled for Sunday, April 3, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Cost is \$20.00 and most of the funds will go to our club for elections this year. She said current members have been sent a flyer and there will be more reminders coming our way. Also, the flyer should be available on our website soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reed announced that we will have a table at the Garage Sale on April 9. Next month we will have more information about this and will be requesting members to sign up to work our station.

President Reed announced that Tony Anderson, one of the founders of the Grand Dems here in Sun City Grand, had passed away. He was a former Precinct Committeeman and State Delegate. We observed a moment of silence in his honor.

Vice President Roger Rhodes announced that we want to recognize our members who have volunteered in this organization in the past. He said Doisey Landry has been a Treasurer, Program Chair, and Board Member and we wish to thank her for her generous contributions to the Grand Dems. The audience applauded Doisey and she thanked everyone.

SPEAKER: Vice President/Program Co-Chair Roger Rhodes announced our speaker, Mikel Weisser, State Deputy Director of NORML in Arizona.

Mr. Weisser said he was a former school teacher and is currently running for election in Congressional District 4. He introduced Derek Armstrong-Stoner, a candidate for the 8th District and encouraged members to sign the petition to get him on the ballot.

Mr. Weisser then gave us the history of cannabis in the world and in this country. Its uses in agriculture, industry and medicine were explained along with when and why prohibition came into effect.

President Reed thanked Mr. Weisser for his informative presentation.

President Reed announced a break and encouraged members to enter our 50/50 raffle, donate to Grand Kids, and look over the Precinct Maps and consider becoming a Committeeman.

The meeting was reconvened and President Reed introduced Mark Johnson with the Arizona Democratic Party who provided information for potential candidates and encouraged members and guests to consider running for office in Arizona.

President Reed announced that next month we will have three speakers—two who are running for Corporation Commission and the third is the Adult Education Director from the Dysart Development Center.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The 50/50 raffle collected \$92.00 and the winner of half the monies collected was Debbie Althouse. She retrieved her \$5.00 and donated all the rest to the Grand Dems.

No further business, Doisey Landry moved to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Cotton, Secretary