

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

GRAND DEMOCRATS

June 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Rhodes at 6:33 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rhodes welcomed all attendees including new members and guests and asked them to stand to be recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES No corrections or changes were offered to the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting. The minutes are approved as circulated. (Attached)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS He noted with the retirement of US Supreme Court Justice Kennedy, our challenge will be even greater. Getting the vote out, as well as assisting in other ways, will be even more critical for the Primary in August and the vote in November. Everyone's involvement will make the difference. This year we have many candidates running who need our support. He announced that the Grand Dems will **not** meet in July and August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 26th.

TREASURER'S REPORT President Rhodes reported that the checking and saving accounts are stable at about \$7500. This is a healthy amount to help candidates following the August Primary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Barbara Nelson, Program Co-Chair and Board Member, announced the upcoming September 26th meeting speaker: Felicia Rotellini, Chair of the Arizona State Committee. She reminded everyone of the Rally on September 29, 2018 featuring all of the candidates running in the November election. This year Democrats will have 14 candidates on the November ballot. The Rally will be held in the Sonoran Plaza Ballroom from 1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Membership: Dianne Miller, assisting Paula Parkel in membership, reported that Grand Dems have a record 239 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate Questionnaire: President Rhodes extended a “thank you” to Barbara Nelson, Sharon Levinson and Frank Reed. Ms. Levinson and Ms. Nelson were instrumental for getting the questionnaire responses from candidates and Mr. Reed for compiling the responses to be mailed to all paid Grand Dem members within the next

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week or so. This information will be helpful in making voting decisions in the August Primary.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Opening: President Rhodes indicated that a recent Board opening has been filled; however, anyone interested in serving in future leadership roles should let him or any Board member know.

September Candidate Rally and August 28th Primary: President Rhodes reminded everyone of the upcoming dates.

OTHER

President Rhodes encouraged everyone who hasn't signed the "Dirty Money" petition to do so. This is a critical issue that must be addressed because of all the "outside" money coming into Arizona to influence our election.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Barbara Nelson, Program Co-Chair, briefly introduced the program speakers. Mark Manoil, State Treasurer; Bill Pierce, State Mine Inspector; and Stan Arterberry, Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board, District 4. All are well qualified and enthusiastic about serving Arizonians. 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.

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 \$84, half of which was won by Margarita Silva Hernandez.

The next Grand Dems General Meeting will be Wednesday evening, September 26, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hodgson, Secretary