

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

GRAND DEMOCRATS

May 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Rhodes at 6:32 p.m. He invited Barbara Nelson, Board Member, to lead 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 April 25, 2018 meeting. The minutes are approved as circulated. (Attached)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS President Rhodes invited Jonita Bigelow to share recent news and personal comments. Sadly, two long-time members of Grand Dems recently passed away after battling serious illnesses: Harriet Kahn and Jeanna Michaels. Both made significant contributions to the Club and will be missed. President Rhodes also shared personal reflections on the Club's loss.

President Rhodes announced there will be a June General Membership meeting with a summer break in July and August. The September meeting is scheduled for 26th. He reminded everyone of the Rally on September 29, 2018 featuring all of the candidates running in the November election.

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 nearly \$4,800 in checking and a little over \$2,600 in savings for a grand total of just over \$7,400. (Attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Barbara Nelson, Program Co-Chair and Board Member, announced the upcoming June 27th meeting speakers: candidates for Arizona State Mine Inspector position, State Treasurer, and the Maricopa Community College Governing Board. All have interesting backgrounds and expertise to bring to the respective positions.

Also, she shared information on the September 29th Rally and photos from the 2016 Rally. She encouraged everyone to put that date on their calendar. It will be held in the Sonoran Plaza Ballroom.

Membership: President Rhodes asked Paula Parkel, Membership Chair, to give the membership report. She announced the Club has a record 231 members. She will be retiring as Chair soon and introduced Diane Miller who will be assuming the

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responsibility. Ms. Parkel shared some personal comments about how helpful Harriett had been when she took over membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraisers' Example: Steve Farley: President Rhodes attended a fundraiser for Candidate for Governor Steve Farley who has now raised more than \$1 million dollars. He urged everyone to get behind our Democratic candidates through helping campaign, contributing money, and signing petitions, especially the one concerning "outlawing dirty money".

NEW BUSINESS

What can you and I do? President Rhodes listed several ways members can become involved including participating in and hosting fundraisers, writing postcards, working the phones, canvassing, and more. As the Primary draws closer, more information will be available.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Sharon Levinson, Program Co-Chair, briefly introduced the program speakers. January Contreras is running unopposed in the Democratic Primary for Attorney General. Mark Robert Gordon is running for Secretary of State. Both Arizona natives 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 \$102, half of which was won by Linda Cotton.

The next Grand Dems General Meeting will be Wednesday evening, June 27, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hodgson, Secretary