

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

GRAND DEMOCRATS

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Hamilton at 6:30 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hamilton welcomed all attendees recognizing guests and new members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No corrections or changes were offered to the minutes of the October 23, 2019, meeting and a motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved as published on the website.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** President Hamilton announced some victories in other States for Democrats recently—specifically, Andy Beshear, Governor in KY; both houses in Virginia; and John Bel Edwards retained in LA. He also announced that the school bond for Nadaburg passed. He also recognized the 2019 Board and Committee Members and thanked them for their contributions to the Grand Democrats.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Paula Wilson, stated our current balance is \$5,643.56.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dianne Miller, Membership Chair, reported we had 304 members as of October 30 plus 8 new members in November.

**SOCIAL:** President Hamilton reminded everyone of the December 11 shared Holiday Dinner with LD-22 and NW Valley Democrats. Sign up for this is in the back of the room and the cost is \$25.00.

**FUNDRAISING:** President Hamilton reported the November 3 fundraiser was successful bringing in \$1,075 from the auction and a profit of \$600.00 from admissions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hamilton introduced Vice President Ken Hanson who conducted the election for our 2020 Board. The slate of candidates were introduced and asked to stand. Nominations from the floor were solicited. None were presented. A motion to move to vote by acclamation was made by Sharon Forbes and seconded. A vote was taken and the slate of candidates were voted into office for 2020. They are: President, Mark Hamilton; Vice President, Bill Shields; Secretary, Serene Matthews; Treasurer, Paula Wilson; Members-at-Large, Joyce Bergen, Nancy Martin and Barbara Nelson.

SPEAKERS: Susan Walling, Co-Chair Programs and Public Relations, introduced our speakers for this evening. They are all running for the legislature in LD-22. Sarah Tyree is running for State Senate. Wendy Garcia is a candidate for State Representative and Kathleen Honne is also a candidate for State Representative. The candidates were given 5 minutes each for their opening comments followed by 4 questions from our moderator. Each candidate answered the questions and invited the audience to stop by their tables at the end of the session to answer any questions as well as sign their petitions to get on the ballot and provide donations for their campaigns.

Following the speakers, Joyce Bergen, Co-Chair Programs and Public Relations, introduced Judith Simons who gave us an introductory to the website for Request To Speak and explained what it is all about. The whole idea of this Request to Speak activity is for citizens to be engaged beyond voting with the legislature of our State.

Joyce Bergen than announced our next meeting will be in the Agua Fria room on January 22 with our speaker Adrian Fontes, Maricopa County Recorder. Also, our February 26 meeting speaker will be Sheriff Paul Penzone.

The drawing for the 50/50 raffle which collected \$40.00 was held and the winner received \$20.00.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Cotton, Interim Secretary

