

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
GRAND DEMOCRATS
OCTOBER 23, 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 September 25, 2019, meeting and the minutes were approved as published on the website.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Hamilton introduced John Nuerenberg, Chair of Adopt A Street, who reminded members of our clean- up four times a year with the next event on November 16. He stated that emails will be sent reminding everyone and encouraged more members to participate.

President Hamilton announced that we will have a table at the Fall Fest scheduled for November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He will be sending out a request to members to volunteer to sit at our table and help promote the club. He stated that available candidates are also invited to attend.

President Hamilton informed those in attendance that Representative Debbie Lesko was among the Republicans who created a stand-off by forcing their entry into a House Intelligence Committee's closed-door proceeding early today.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Paula Wilson stated the balance in our account is \$3,727.15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Dianne Miller, Membership Chair, reported we currently have 297 members plus some new members who joined this evening. She reminded everyone that the dues for 2020 are due in January. She is taking renewals and new membership dues this evening as well as in November.

SOCIAL: President Hamilton reminded those in attendance of the December 11 Holiday Party which will be shared with the NW Valley Democrats as well as LD 22. The cost is \$25.00 and a sign-up sheet for this event is in the back of the room.

FUNDRAISING: President Hamilton reminded everyone of the November 3 event at his home from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 and a sign-up sheet for this event is also available in the back of the room. He informed the attendees that we are still looking for items for the auction. Paula Parkel displayed two fused glass items that have been donated for the auction. President Hamilton said we hope to have tickets for sporting or musical events as well as restaurant gift cards. If you have any items to donate for the auction, please contact Nancy Martin.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hamilton introduced Frank Reed who informed the audience of the Health Care Forum sponsored by LD22. The forum will take place on Saturday, October 26 at the Deer Valley High School Auditorium. They will be discussing "What the Candidate Proposals Mean for You". He encouraged everyone to attend and also ask for three or four volunteers to assist at the event. Please see him if you can help out.

President Hamilton then introduced Cheri Tomlinson representing Swing Left. She explained that this is a National organization of volunteers who work to assist neighboring States to reach potential voters. She said that Sonoma County, CA, volunteers are planning to arrive here on February 14 to assist in canvassing independents and others. They are looking for volunteers here to assist in this effort by driving canvassers, housing them or assisting in other ways. She encouraged anyone interested in helping to contact her at: CheriTomlinson254@gmail.com or phone (602) 561-9470.

President Hamilton announced that the Board Elections will take place at our November 20 meeting. We are still looking for Committee and Board members and anyone interested in helping out please call him. We need you.

SPEAKERS:

Our speakers this evening were three Democratic candidates running for CD-8 and they are: Michael Muscato, Bob Musselwhite and Bob Olson. They were all given time for an opening statement and then were asked questions by our moderator, Susan Walling. After the question and answer period, we allowed questions from the audience followed by closing statements by the candidates. The candidates stayed after the forum to answer any questions members of the audience may have had.

President Hamilton thanked all three candidates and presented them with a Grand Dems coffee mug.

President Hamilton introduced Joyce Bergen, Program Co-Chair, who informed us that the November 20 meeting will be held in the Gila room. We will have another forum featuring Sarah Tyree, running for State Senate in LD-22 and Wendy Garcia and Kathleen Honne who are running for the State Legislature in LD-22. We will also be giving a training session for Request to Speak.

President Hamilton introduced Manny Hernandez from LD-22 who announced at their next meeting on November 13 they will have Sheriff Paul Penzone as their speaker. He invited everyone to attend.

The drawing for the 50/50 raffle which collected \$108 was held and the winner received \$54.00

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Cotton, Interim Secretary

