

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

GRAND DEMOCRATS

September 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Rhodes at 6:30 p.m. At the invitation of President Rhodes, Mike Harris 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 June 27, 2018 General Membership meeting. The minutes are approved as circulated.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS He stressed that getting the vote out will be critical for the election in November. Everyone's involvement will make the difference.

TREASURER'S REPORT President Rhodes reported that at the last Grand Dems Board meeting they approved giving each candidate not running as a "clean election candidate" \$400 or a total of \$3600. The current amount remaining in our treasury is around \$2,200.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Sharon Levinson, Program Co-Chair, announced the upcoming October 24th meeting will be "Open Mic" when any Democratic candidate running in November can speak. Also, Adrian Fontes, Maricopa County Recorder, was invited to discuss the process for counting mail-in ballots. Our November 28th speaker will be AZ Republic writer Linda Valdez.

Membership: Paula Parkel, Membership Chair, reported that the Grand Dems have 250 members, a new record.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Openings/Officers: Grand Dems are building a slate of officers to take us into 2019. There are three positions open including the position as Secretary. He noted that the Board meets monthly with a monthly General Membership Meeting except for July, August and December. He requested all interested persons to let him know.

Candidate Rally: President Rhodes invited Barbara Nelson, Program Co-Chair, to share information on the upcoming Rally scheduled from 2 - 4:00 p.m. on September 29th. She noted that the highlight will be hearing from the candidates running in the November election. In addition to the Grand Dems, it will be hosted by LD22 and the Northwest Valley Democrats.

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Campaign Contributions/Pass the Hat: President Rhodes suggested that those interested in contributing to candidates do so at the upcoming Rally when each will have a table and be available to talk to members and guests.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms. Nelson introduced Felicia Rotellini, Chair of the Arizona State Committee, who discussed the efforts to get Arizonians registered to vote and shared with the membership the many opportunities in which they can be involved in this year's election. Kristin Roberts spoke in support of Proposition 305, Expansion of Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) Referendum which would phase in an expansion of the State's ESA program to make all public school students eligible to apply. Jason Zeikowitz spoke in support of Proposition 127, Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona. In addition, Frank Reed, Chair of LD22, urged members to vote "no" on Proposition 126, Prohibit New or Increased Taxes on Services Initiative in which a "no" vote will retain the power of the state and local governments to enact taxes on services in the future. 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 \$136 half of which was won by Mark Hamilton.

The next Grand Dems General Meeting will be Wednesday evening, October 24, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hodgson, Secretary