

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
November 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Randle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Marjorie Favia gave the Invocation. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America followed by all singing God Bless America.

WELCOME VISITORS: Robert Anderson, Greg Conlin, Kim Conlin, Karen Flikke, Ron Gosseln, Linda Hollsvodl, Glen Joki, Vi Joki, Marla Kempf, Wayne Kempf, Milton Lachman, Josh Lind, Cynthia Malkowski, Stephn Malkowski, Ed Pennen, Anabel Peters, Merrel Sambol, Cara Strandjord, Kim Sweeney, Stephen Sweeney, Bob Winsor, B. Wullie. There were 116 members, 22 guests and 7 speakers present: a total count of 145 present.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes posted on the website. Minutes Approved.

President Bob Randle reported that someone present at our last meeting sued a judge who spoke at our meeting. Disappointing this happened at our meeting. He reminded members they can now pay online to renew their dues. Randle also noted they are needing poll observers and electioneers for Monday and Tuesday.

President Randle reported that 68% of Republicans in LD28 have cast their ballots. In 2022 at this time, 25% had voted. Get your neighbors and friends out to vote. Turning Point will be coordinating curing Republican ballots.

Linda Barnes asked all those who had helped with both Voter Forums and the Government Gangster movie night to stand. She noted that Turning Point will get the list of the ballots to cure for Republicans. Barnes encouraged members to check BeBallotReady.Vote to make sure your ballot has been processed.



Linda Barnes introduced **Debbie Lesko** who is stepping down from the House of Representatives to run for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors #4. Her decision to do this

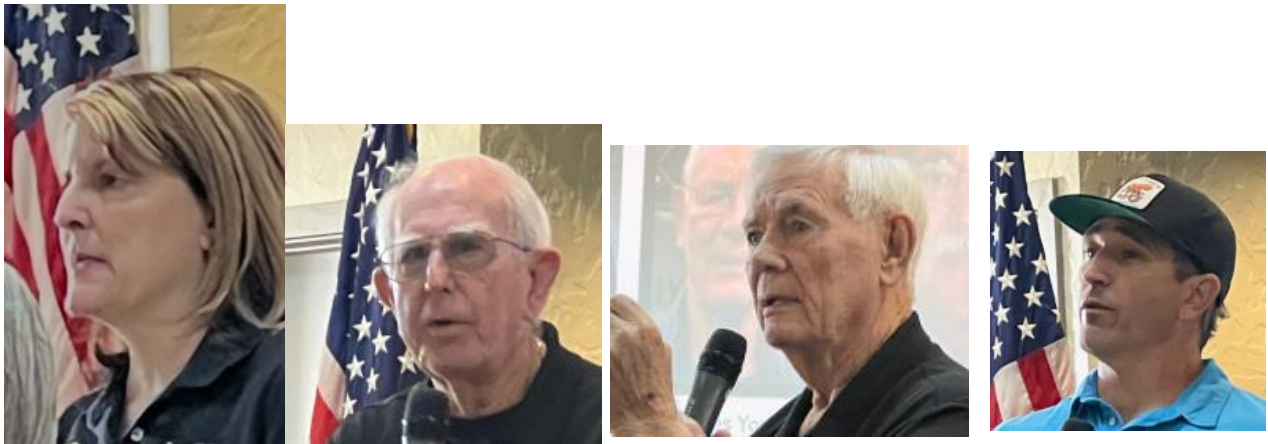
was to be closer to her family. Ms. Lesko said she will be a Congresswoman until January 4. Congresswoman Lesko will be in Washington, DC to try to get a budget passed. If Trump wins, they will try to get a reduced budget approved otherwise they may do a stopgap until the new Congress is seated. She encouraged all to pray that President Trump wins and we win majority in the Senate and the House. She said if you need help after Christmas from her office, Senator Mark Kelley will be covering her old office until a new Representative is sworn in.

Question: Red State Florida is called day of election. Why does it take so long for swing states? The media is actual making the call for elections.

Question: When the government shuts down, why does military pay stop but not Congress pay does not? Lesko explained the options: 1. Pass budget, 2. Not pass budget and government shutdown, 3. Wait until President Trump is in office to reduced budget.

Question: Jamie Raskin threatening invoking Article 14 if Trump wins? Lesko said if President Trump wins and the Senate stays in Democrat control, they will impeach President Trump. If the Republicans control the Senate, they can't impeach.

Linda Barnes introduced North County Fire & Medical District candidates: Dawn Miller, Merrill "Tony" Sambol and James Young and Greg Lenz.



Dawn Miller noted these are volunteer positions. She is currently an Executive Director of a Senior Living Community. There was no tax increase this year. This is a joint powers authority so besides Sun City West there are numerous small towns and developments. Buckeye just joined the District. Most of the unit can't do this on their own and health insurance is cheaper in a larger group. They all share the cost of one Fire Chief.

Merrill "Tony" Sambol said Dawn Miller had presented the information on the Authority well. He said the Board is not a rubber stamp. He worked for Southern California Edison prior to moving to Sun City West 20 years ago. He was with the Posse for 10 years.

James Young was in public office for over 50 years; Mayor for 10 years, Park Board 18 years, SCWRC Board and a few years on this Board.

Gregg Lentz from the Athima area in North Peoria is running for the Board. He is a 26-year Glendale firefighter. He was born in Arizona and has 5 children. His parents were residents of Sun City West.



Linda Barnes then introduced current Board Chairman Richard Brookie. He said they are here to work for you. The current board members running are conservatives that can hold the line. By growing the area, they can make it better. They make sure that the employees are supported. Tony Sambol has financial experience. They have a \$60,000,000 budget – that take acumen to manage. James Young has 50 years of government experience.

Questions: What do they actually do? They have fiduciary responsibilities. They do not want to go into debt or lower services. They have excellent employee relationships. There are policies for what they do. They have a balanced budget.

Question: Anything we can do to support the Fire Department? Gregg Lenz suggested we make the firemen/paramedics feel appreciated by saying thank you for your Service. Dawn Miller said they receive many thank you notes and they are shared with the staff.

Question: Does the Board set policy and guidelines and what is their oversight function? Richard Brookie said the Department and staff rely on policies and models. They update them and have been accredited for 14 years. In the past two years, they have set up an Advisory Board for disciplines issues which is more productive than court cases.



Linda Barnes introduced **Frank Carroll**, Arizona District 28 representative. He stated that it is important to retain the majority in the Legislature.

Issues for Arizona voters:

1. Border Security. Recommends Proposition 314 which is the border security bill to handle persons not lawfully in the U.S.
 - a. Only way in is through Port of entry
 - b. Make it a crime to apply for benefits
 - c. Fentanyl cases that cause death be prosecuted
 - d. State Court can order return of face prison
 - e. Sanctuary cities not allowed in Arizona
 - f. Pima County charged a rancher for killing a cartel member in his property
 - g. Accountability for law enforcement, Attorney General, County & local prosecutors and Congress
 - h. What about the tribes on the Border-suggests repealing treaties and making all tribal members U.S. citizens – could deed the Federal land they are on to those living there & pay taxes.
 - i. Wall is cut all the time & repaired where the cartel cuts it to let illegals
 - j. Cartel got a key to gates they open to relieve flooding and use it
 - k. On Federal land, they allow charity groups to set up tents/water areas for illegals
 - l. Cartels have high power drones to monitor border operations
2. Economy – Inflation
 - a. Energy policy
 - b. Congressional spending
 - c. Monetary policy
 - d. Administration – State EPA
3. Miscellaneous
 - a. Federal vs. Republicans
 - b. Arizona State Energy Policy
 - c. Arizona State Air Quality – 70-80% ozone comes from other states

Question: Chri Mayes is suing Trump for comment in Arizona? Legislature controls the purse strings. They can work on it after she files. House/Senate can impeach.

Question: Why does Federal Government not the Stat Government deed to the tribes? All Indian Reservations on Federal Ground. U.S. Senate can address.

Question: Will the list of noncitizen voters in the news have any illegal aliens who voted? Relates to 1996 DMV issue. In 2004 renewals, the computer did not check if they had proven citizenship. His suggestion is that everyone re-registers to vote with approved citizenship.

President Bob Randle reminded everyone to Vote, Vote, Vote.

The two 50/50 drawings of \$54.00 were drawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper, Recording Secretary