

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
February 1, 2025

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 Janie Randle leading the singing of God Bless America.

WELCOME VISITORS: Gary Barve, Lori Fieser, Mark Flynn, Teresa & Steve Frandson, Sandy Hermann, Marty Hopwood, Jennifer Jones, Molly Koranda, Joyce Martin, Ron Martinka, Ocean & Rechelle Rasso, Rob Schoewe, Zac Smulsaki and Caron Touliatos. There were 121 members, 16 guests and two speakers present: a total number of 139 were present.

MarJorie Favia reported on upcoming events scheduled at the West Valley Republican and Independent Coalition:

- 2/4 Arizona Republican Assembly with Debbie Lesko speaking
- 2/4 Beginning of Patriot Academy of Biblical Citizenship 8 week course
- 2/10 Membership Meeting - \$20.00 per year to be a member
- 2/13 Prayer Night

Jan Schank of the Grand Republican Club invited us to attend their meeting on February 15 from 9:30-11:30 at the Church on the Green. Ocean Rasso, a teenage Liberty advocate, will speak on Fighting to Preserve Freedom for the Next Generation. Ocean Rasso is with us today.

The Minutes of the January 2025 meeting were approved as posted on the website.

President Bob Randle noted that President Donald Trump is in office and doing so much they don't know what to do. He is for us. Randle noted the Choose Life AZ/AZ March for Life is scheduled.

Randle encouraged members to call the Washington DC hotline to tell your representatives to get Trump's Cabinet members approved and installed. U.S. Senate call 202-224-3124 and the House of Representatives call 202-224-3121. President Randle announced the members of the Nominating Committee for prospective officers for 2026: Bridget Nelke, Ann & Robert Frey, Marjorie Favia, Liz Hoffman, Darlene Lundin, Lisa & John Nelson.

Fran Church, Treasurer reported on the 2024 Finances:

Dues Income	2024	\$7,600.00	(2023 \$5,900.00)
Guest Donations	2024	1,400.00	(2023 \$600.00)
Donuts - \$1.00 donation-		usually	break even
Badges-		sold	at cost
Gun Raffle	2024	\$300.00	
Pancake Breakfast	2024	\$300.00	
Merchandise	2024	\$150.00	
50/50 Raffle	2024	\$1,700.00	(2023 \$400.00)

Western Bank	2024 \$700.00 – donates \$100.00 when new accounts mention Sun City West Republican Club
Total Income	2024 \$13,000.00 2023 \$6,900.00

Expenses:

Church on the Green	\$500.00/month
Insurance	\$700.00/year
West Valley Republican & Independent Coalition	\$2,400/year to help with their rent
Garren Creek Foundation	\$500.00 for victims of North Carolina hurricane damage

Balance of \$12,000; half is held in short-term CD's

Fran Church reported an audit was completed for 2023 and 2024. It was discovered our tax-free status was cancelled since reports had not been filed since 2019. She reconstructed the paperwork and submitted a current tax filing with request to make it retroactive. She reported we changed banks this past year, rented a Post Office box so dues can be mailed in, experimented with credit cards on a website form as well as credit card readers. The website form works well and is considerably cheaper than the credit card readers so we will just use the website credit card program. The Treasurer reported we hosted two candidate forums and the movie premiere of "Government Gangsters" and broke even with funds from concessions and 50/50 Raffles. She reported our Club joined with the Sun City Grand Republicans to host an Inaugural Party on January 20.

Linda Barnes gave an update on Garren Creek Foundation. They are still in tents. Funds are being used to help with food and supplies. The residents are trying to survive.

Vice President Linda Barnes reported Sun City West Governing Board Elections are March 5. She encourage residents to make sure they are registered for online voting. There will be a candidate forum at the March 1 meeting.

Linda Barnes introduced Janae Sham, the Arizona Senate Majority Leader and Frank Carroll, Arizona Senate Majority Whip as our guest speakers.

Senator Janae Shamp stated her interest in government office happened when she was fired for not taking the Covid shot. She stated she was elected on merit. She wants to unite our party and work towards a Republican Governor and Attorney General. There is a majority plan by both the Arizona Senate and the House: 1. Secure the Border (trespassing foreign nationals, harsher penalties for fentanyl deaths, felony for using someone else's forged documents and not supporting people not from our country; 2. Preserving the American Dream and Federalism & State Sovereignty. They want to take back Federal land so more affordable housing can be built. They want to protect rural water access, ability to begin mining (currently 28-30 years to start a mine while we use the enemy's product) and become energy independent. They want to work on homelessness with Accountability and Compassion; 18-30% of homelessness is economics – the rest is drug addiction and mental health, which needs reform to provide residential or more care for those in need.



Senator Shamp continued speaking on empowering and protecting Law Enforcement and getting them up-to-date technology. They want to work toward helping new homeowners qualify to purchase their own home. She said only 17% of Arizona land is deeded. They want to utilize Federal land for housing developments. She said they are working on safeguarding our Education System and the ESA program. They want to make sure universities are not promoting the Woke agenda. There needs to be more vocational training so we have qualified workers when they bring back manufacturing. She stated they need to address the shortage of primary physicians in rural areas and qualified surgeons moving here are forced to do their residency again. We need innovative health care solutions to get up to speed. We need regulatory reforms as 70-80% of our greenhouse gases come from California and from across the Pacific. We must cut red tape to unleash our economic potential. Before it used to take 8 months to get projects approval – now takes 4-6 years for permits. We need to update security clearance and make it affordable to small businesses. Senator Shamp said it is time for America to be proud, modernize the infrastructure, secure our elections, sustainable energy such as small nuclear plants at old coal facilities, defending female space in Women’s sports and hiring on merit basis.



Frank Carroll reported the RTS (Right to Speak) and how to access the state website to be able to voice your opinion on a bill or ask to speak on a bill at the legislature. Go to AZleg.gov; choose RTS or bills. In the right-hand corner login (it will allow you to create a password. You need to actually register in person (or a representative person) at the Capital to make your account usable. Senator Carroll encouraged you to mention your LD number in the comments you make to make it specific to your representative.

Questions from the audience:

1. How to secure your Home Title. Arizona has a law in place to protect. Eddie Cook, Registrar has a form you can fill out to put on file in their office protecting your Title rights.
2. What about the vehicle tracking in new cars that keeps track of your movements? Frank Carroll said you may find that invasive but there are legitimate purposes for it also such as getting you better car insurance rates, monitors truck drivers for hours/mileage limitations and deal with EPA regulations.
3. Illegal immigrants at the border. Governor Hobbs is resistant to prioritizing the closing of the border. 13 of 15 sheriffs are in support of closing the border.
4. What about the DACA young adults. It was suggested to a protesting DACA individual that, since nothing has been resolved on this for many years by Congress, those with STEM degrees they can't use in the U.S., should go to Mexico and work there in their field for a few years and then legally apply for citizenship.
5. What about Title Lock? Remember this is a private company and you sign a contract with them. You can go sign a form at the Recorder Office to protect your title and that is free.

Linda Barnes reported that Anthony Kern, Member at Large, will be one of the speakers at the March meeting. Debbie Lesko, new County Commissioner will be with us in April.

President Randle reported that both PORA and the Posse will be asked to speak at one of our meetings. He reminded the members both of those groups help our community and really need financial assistance.

Two 50/50 Raffle winners won \$52.00 each.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper, Recording Secretary