

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
August 3, 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: Shelley Bardsen, Daniel Bentley, Mark, Bom, Bob Carter, Scott Dannen, John Harvey, Ross & Maggie Howay, Carol Jung, Marla & Wayne Kempke, Ernie Lemke, Dennis Liles, Anna McMurtry, Rebecca Miller, Donna Nicholson, Pinnabel Peters, Gail Potts, Arlene Ohmstad, Hank Schmidt, Frit & Angelita Swain, Linny Thompson, Andy Torchia, Cindy Wade, Linda Watters and Scott Worley. There were 171 members, 27 guests and 2 speakers present: a total count of 200 present.

President Randle noted the number of important events during the month of July:

- 7/1 Supreme Court upholds Presidential Immunity
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/13 Assassination Attempt
- 7/18 RNC Convention
- 7/21 Joe Biden steps down from running for another term
- 7/22 Oversight Committee for Secret Service failure
- 7/23 CIA Director resigns
- 7/24 Benjamin Netanyahu met with Kamela Harris (she didn't attend Senate event)
- 7/26 Olympics began
- 7/28 Venezuela held elections and counted ballots in one day
- 7/30 Arizona primary election
- 7/31 Iran leader assassinated

Randle reported there was a terrible voter turnout. There were 289,00 ballots cast by Republicans and Independents. We need to work on the "get out to vote" project.

The Minutes of July were approved.

Two people reported on working the polls. Lou Grosse, PC from LD 29, reported on the transport procedures on Election night. They had 32 vans picking up ballots with both a Republican and Democrat escort and the containers had numbered zip ties on them. He commented about the huge expense of the warehouses and vans to pick up the ballots. Darlene Lundin reported working a Maryvale poll and there were large numbers of voters with ID cards that could not speak English and needed special assistance. She also reported they had a big issue in their neighborhood of someone stealing campaign signs and they now have a picture to turn over for prosecution.

Linda Barnes reported on Primary election results (to date):

Kari Lake

U.S. Senate

Rene Lopez, Lea Marquez Peterson & Rachel Walden
 Frank Carroll
 David Livingston & Beverly Pingerelli
 Eddie Cook
 Rachel Mitchell
 Justin Heap
 Debbie Lesko
 Jerry Sheridan
 Shelli Boggs & Steve Watson -too close to call
 John Allen

AZ Corporation Commission
 LD28 AZ State Senator
 LD28 State Representatives
 Maricopa Co. Assessor
 Maricopa Co. Attorney
 Maricopa Co. Recorder
 Maricopa Co. Board of Supervisors
 Maricopa Co. Sheriff
 Maricopa Co. Supt. Schools
 Maricopa Co Treasurer



Linda Barnes introduced Lisa Atkins with the CAP Central Arizona Project. She is an elected, nonpartisan member of the Board. This Board is responsible for the long term planning to insure there is enough water for Arizona; even before Arizona had the population growth. There are Federal funds used to determine the shares of all parties covered up the Upper and Lower Basins of the Colorado River. CAP facts: canal, 336 miles of aqueduct from Lake Havasu to Tucson, 14 pumping plants to lift water, 10 siphons. The Board takes every drop of water due Arizona and holds them at Lake Havasu and Lake Pleasant. This started 1985 thru 1993. The Colorado River water serves 40 million people in Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Diego. Currently the Colorado River is not as high as normal and is classified a Tier One Shortage and we need to be prudent. 4,600,000 gallons have been preserved for Arizona. You can get more information on their website: centralarizonaprojct.com

Treasurer, Fran Church, reported:

Memberships	\$4,000	increase of 20%
50/50 Raffle	1,000	increase 270%
Guest Receipts		increase 30%
Donuts & Badges	break even	
Bank referrals	400	please identify yourself as a Sun City West Republican Club member if you open a new account there.

Expenses:

Room rental	400-500/mo.
West Valley Republican Office	\$2,400 for one year to support the new location
Candidate Forum	690
Gun Raffle	1,000



Vice President Linda Barnes introduced Kathleen Liles for the Arizona Free Enterprise. They have researched the various initiatives that will be on the November Ballot and shared a cheat sheet to use when you are voting and a longer format that explains each item. These sheets will be available on the Sun City West Republican Club website. The Arizona Free Enterprise has filed to challenge some specific items to be on the ballot. Liles reported that 1,000,000 ballots were mailed out and 661,000 did not return their ballots.

There were two winners of the 50/50 Raffles.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Bob Randle.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary