

LD10 General Meeting
February 20, 2019
Unitarian Universalist Church
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Call to Order: Vice Chair Zoey Fife at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair's Opening Comments: Standing in for Bonnie Heidler who had a previous commitment. Welcome to all new attendees.

Reports:

Minutes - **sent out with 2/22 events' calendar.** To be reviewed at our March meeting

Treasurer's Report - We have a current balance of \$4601.00

Executive Committee: Greer Warren and Marion Chubon - There was a question regarding Sheriff Napier's presence at the meeting. He asked to be there and this was approved by the EC officers. Marion stated that emotions were high at the meeting but it is being dealt with and all were work together. Minutes of the meeting can be found at pimadems.com. These meetings are open to the public and are held the first Monday of the month at PCDHQ (head quarters) from 6:30 - 8:30PM. Pima County Democratic caucuses were discussed and that list can be found on the Pima County Democrats web site. Zoey added, "Let's focus on Trump and turning Az. Blue."

Black History Month - presentation by Nick Arnold from the 1857 Dred Scott decision to the injustices of the present, i.e voter suppression

Bills in the Legislature:

SB1046 - this would prevent PEVL drop off at polling places on election day

SB1188 - this would eliminate voters from receiving their PEVL (mail in ballot) if they have not voted in 2 years

SB1090 - would eliminate emergency voting

SB2616 - would prevent the payment of people who are registering voters.

Recognition - Paul Stapleton Smith recognized Sam Newsome for registering over 60,000 voters. Sam is a Union member and we thank him for this achievement!

Announcements from PCDP Chair - Allison Jones. Cat Ripley is the new Executive Director of the PCDP. The Catalina Dems are being revived. Announced that the Udall Dinner theme is "Future of Democracy" and the guest speaker will be Nancy Maclean who wrote 'Democracy in Chains.' There will be an LD Summit on 3/3/19 where best practices will be discussed. Call Allison with your concerns.

New Business:

New Board Positions:

As per our last meeting, there are two new voting positions on the LD10 Board; Corresponding Secretary and Communications officer. The job descriptions of both positions were reviewed. Rebecca Crow announce she is running for the Corresponding Secretary position and Andy Flach for the Communications officer.

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There can be nominations from the floor at our next meeting and then we will vote.

Old Business:

St. Patrick's Day event - Zoey Fife - This event is held annually with LD 9 (taking the lead this year) and will be held on 3/17/19. The event will be held at the home of Marge Cunningham. Tickets are available from ACT Blue or paper tickets from Andrea Kennedy. See Zoey for volunteer opportunities. Cost - \$20.00 before the event and \$25.00 at the door.

**you can drop off non-perishables at PCDPHQ.

Request to Speak: (RTS) Greer Warren explained the importance of having your voice heard by receiving training and participating in RTS (Request to Speak). She has set up training classes. See Events Calendar for dates and times. You can use RTS to voice your opinion. Greer also teaches Az Legislation 101 - see calendar for details.

Marion is on a committee to declare Tucson a Sanctuary City - Tucson Families Free and Together. See their web page for more information.

Bylaws: Greer said that the by-laws will be posted and voted on in March.

Report on State Meeting:

Many members went to individual caucuses. Officers were chosen by the rank voting process. Both Pat Burns and Sierra Yamanaka were elected. Congratulations to them. The next state meeting is in Tucson on 4/13. Time and place TBA.

Territory Development Committee - Stephanie O'Leary asked the 8 Territory leads to come to the head of the room and then the members split up into their individual territories. Our new pamphlets were distributed, new members welcomed, and announcements made. A film with Felicia Rotellini showing the importance of our PCs and volunteers. Nick shared Territory data which showed the biggest increase in turnout was in the El Con territory.

Presentation:

Marion Chubon introduced the panel that discussed the People's Defense Initiative and Tucson Families Free and Together. Amanda Lee Villa, Zaira Livier - Executive Director of the Initiative, and Joel Feinman. The initiative proposes that TPD stops should not be race based; that TPD is to enforce criminal law not federal civil immigration law. Tucson has a history as a Sanctuary City when in 1982 INS was forbidden to enter churches looking for undocumented immigrants. Sanctuary is a term used as a weapon by Trump and the Republicans. This violates no state law and we will **not** lose state and federal funding. Basically it says ICE and other federal agencies can do their jobs but local government will not be a part of it. Our resources are for our citizens not the Feds. The proposed bill has the protection of the severability clause which says that the whole bill does not go down to defeat because certain clauses can be voted against without losing the whole bill which gives courts more wiggle room if there is a challenge.

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There are 9200 signatures required to have this initiative placed on the Tucson ballot in Nov. The petitions should be in by June 30th. Please call friends and encourage them to call the city council to support this.

Raffles:

Basket won by Elizabeth Packard and 50/50 by Judy Falconer.

Announcements:

Greer - RTS training on 3/12 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Murphy Wilmot Library.

Sierra - Went to DNC meeting and there is a newsletter on the Pima Dems site.

Nick - LGBT sign up sheet for caucus. Meeting 3/15 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Cafe Passe.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Town Hall with our Legislators. There was a great turnout and thanks to the folks who signed up to volunteer in LD10.

Meeting Adjourned by Vice Chair at 8:00 PM

Submitted by:
Judyth Falconer
Secretary