

LD10 General Meeting
February 19, 2020
Unitarian Universalist Church
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Call to Order: Chair Bonnie Heidler at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance - Bonnie Heidler

We have a quorum

Approval of January Minutes: motion to approve: Nick Arnold; second: Claire Knipe.

Approved by acclamation

Chair's Opening Comments:

Welcome to all new attendees. All new attendees stood up and stated their names and were welcomed by the group.

Chair's Presentation:

The LD10 Board has redesigned the agenda to become more project based. It encourages PCs and Volunteers to participate with comments and questions. Instead of candidates making their announcements at the end of the meeting, we will provide 12 chairs at tables for candidates to obtain signatures, discuss their views, and for people promoting various issues and initiatives. Preference will be given to LD10 candidates.

Happenings: Bonnie Heidler

PPE Project.

Next steps are building our teams in precincts with few PCs or volunteers.

There will be an announcement soon about a new program targeting newly registered voters.

The Udall dinner is on 4/18 and will feature Noam Chomsky. The cost is \$100.00.

ADP (Arizona Democratic Party) rule. In a contested election, **PCs may not support any one candidate as a PC.** However you can work for an individual campaign as an individual.

Period Project - Judy Falconer The CAC (Community Action Committee) has been volunteering at the Diaper Bank for about three years. The Diaper Bank has undertaken a smaller project to provide pads and tampons to middle and high school students who are missing school when they have their periods due to a lack of resources. Our second CAC project in LD10 is to supply school supplies to Dietz Elem. Their liaison states that they can use period supplies as well so we have added that to the LD10 list of projects.

Bonnie Heidler: On Monday Bonnie received phone calls that asked her to come to a HS to register kids who would be 18 before November and for help in registering people at the Hotel Congress - **on Monday.** Because we now have systems in place volunteers were found who went to those locations.

Bonnie announce the name for the Coordinated Campaign has been changed to Mission for Arizona and is funded by the Mark Kelly Campaign. They have an office opening on 2/22 at 3532 Grant Rd.

Treasurer Report: Marshall Coyne. The January Budget showed a balance of \$8153.00.

The 2020 Budget was presented . The 2020 budget proposes expenditures of \$15,900.00 and expenses of \$12,000.00 with an end of year net balance of \$3800.00.

The motion to pass - Patti Bersbach and seconded by Sylvia Andersh. The budget was approved by acclamation.

Fund Raising: Zoey Fife. The St. Patrick's Day event will take place on 3/14 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church. It is a great event, one that is enjoyed by all. The candidates are invited and are given 2 min. each to speak.

We do need volunteers to help with clean up and monetary donations rather than food donations. The cost is \$20.00 before the event and \$25.00 at the door.

Cat Ripley's band will perform.

Over 300 people attended last year.

Executive Committee Report (EC)- Allison Musvosvi

She announced that J.P. Martin and Bharathan were added to the EC Board.

Ann Rodriguez from the Recorder's Office will partner with the county parties to get out the vote. For election information go their website. There is a lot of information there.

They are also on Face Book and Twitter.

It was also decided that PCDP (Pima County Democratic Party) would not have a booth at the Pima County Fair.

Allison is also involved in getting out the vote in under served and under represented communities. There is a group of 12 people planning the campaign and they are partnering with other organizations to register voters.

They will use social media as a tool in this endeavor.

Arizona Democratic Party Meeting (ADP) Bonnie Heidler. LD10 PCs attended the State meeting in Yuma. The Progressive Caucus addressed whether or not to write a letter to Senator Sinema advising her that the ADP did not agree with some of her votes in the Senate. The issues was tabled until the next meeting.

One of our PCs asked if her constituents could not request a meeting with her instead of writing a letter. After discussion it was decided that Bonnie would ask our State Chair to speak with the Senator.

We did elect our DNC reps.

Judy Falconer - members of the Native American Caucus were asked to take the following back to their LDs. They need 75 members to be recognized as a State Democratic Caucus and currently have 60. Of those only 15 are Native Americans. They also need financial support. There will be information at a future meeting.

PPE Project: Andy Flach: There were 104 canvassers with 96% of all turfs covered. There were knocks on 3298 doors with 33% face-to-face encounters. Just to show you how effective you were: LD10 had a 96.4 completion rate while 50% is the average. In addition this endeavor created a lot of goodwill.

We will buy voter data to compare the numbers of those that said they would change their party affiliation on-line to those who actually followed through.

Projects: Diane Nevill conducted a canvassing test to devise the best way to recruit new volunteers and PCs. This is a future project and her team is designing the program including the script.

Events Calendar: 3/8/20 Territory Lead Meeting 4/10 Turn in turfs

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3/8 - 3/17 lining up canvassers

3/21 Training

3/22 - 4/9 canvass

What's On Your Mind? Bonnie Heidler invited members to share their "Independent Voter" canvassing stories.

Questions: Someone stated that there has been a letter sent out stating that you will be dropped from voter rolls because of inactivity. This is not true. For any questions, call the County Recorder's Office.

Super Tuesday: Kim Challander. PEVL voters might want to wait until the Secretary of State announces who has dropped out of the race after Super Tuesday before mailing in their ballot.

Bonnie stated that the VAN just updated and this happens quarterly.

Since 12/17/19, there have been 2400 new Democratic voters added and just 350 new Republicans.

Tabling for Candidates and Issues. Bonnie Heidler introduced this new directive to the members. Candidates and others who want to discuss specific issues can do so at tables set up for that purpose. This allows more time for project and business discussions.

Red for Ed: Luci Messing. There are new petitions for Red for Ed.

2/29: Invest in Ed Rally from 4-6PM at 423 E. 9th St.

Lee Stanford: Be aware that there are proposals in the state and federal government that are trying to block a single payer health care system.

Tanque Verde Dems: 3/14 at Risky Business from 9:30 - 1100AM the LD10 candidates will be present.

AZ List: Claire Knight. Corrine La Pierre will be a guest at the March 7th meeting.

Legislative Update: Nick Arnold. The current legislature has been both busy and bad. He stated that Rep. Domingo DeGrazia opposed the Ethics/Biometric Bill which uses digital identifiers to identify people.

Asarco Strike: Steve Diamond. This strike is in its fourth month and involves 7 unions. They still need a lot of support both financial and donations of food. Strike breakers are being hired.

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser: Sandi Almasy will need help for a potato salad party at the homes of Gail Dunn and Sandi. Also needed are White Elephant items for the raffle. Set up and clean up help also necessary. See Sandi to volunteer.

Raffles: Gift Basket won by Jennifer Dawson

50/50 by Steve Diamond who donated his prize to the Period Project.

All were then invited to go the tables to meet candidates and to talk to those with potions or issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM by the Chair.

Submitted by:

Judy Falconer
Recording Secretary