

LD4 Democrats of Maricopa County

General Meeting Minutes

Total Wine, 1416 N Litchfield Rd, Goodyear

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

6:30 PM



1. Call to Order & Welcome

6:52 PM

- Recruiting PC (Precinct Committee Member)-Explained purpose; Committed to democratic party and precinct.
- Invited others to join LD4
- PVL – Encouraged.
- Welcomed new & regular attendees
- LD4 – One-year anniversary

2. Approval of Agenda/Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve – Morrie; Seconded Carl

3. Introductions

Susan Stone, Edward Stone, Karen Peters, Robyn Taylor, Karl, Jennifer, Hoffman, Paul, Anne Wood, Morrie Seeskin, Eileen Fein, Mike Riley, Sandra Wright,

4. Guest Speakers

- Paul Penzone – Running for Maricopa County Sheriff
 - Background: Police Dept. for 21 years (narcotics, task forces, organized crime, etc).
 - Silent Witness – Help solve & prevent crimes
 - Aspired to be an officer; help complete strangers; integrity & professionalism.
 - Different times with technology; community relationships strained;
 - Graduate of the Academy- Early influence of mentor
 - Watched the State’s leadership; disgusted; decided to run
 - Commitment to keeping people safe:
 - That’s his job; be efficient & effective.
 - Seeks opportunities to serve the community
 - Hold everyone accountable
 - Q & A
 - How many on the ballot? One on democratic ballot.
 - Sheriff Arpaio is the laughing stock to the Nation.
 - Support expressed for him from the audience.
 - Why is the Sheriff’s office running so sloppily?
 - Need to focus on responsibilities..
 - Tent City needs to be ran properly. Must understand the population.
 - What would you hope to accomplish in your 1st 100 days in office?
 - Our children need our help and support.
- Diego Rodriguez – Running for Maricopa County Attorney – 7:50 p.m.
 - Reasons why he’s running for County Attorney:
 - Office needs a good clean out.
 - Shared values;

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- Transparency – things done behind closed doors; small cabal of Republicans, e.g. Freeway Shooter – dropped the ball completely.
- Accountability – 700 sex complaint charges – nothing done.
- Integrity – Do you act in conformance with what you say you’re going to do?
- Justice – You can’t do justice unless you’re administering it fairly across the board.
 - Think about all parts of the community
 - Must counteract damaging policies enforced.
 - Drug prosecution ineffective
 - Prison pipeline chocked with minorities.
 - Drug addicts aren’t eligible for public benefits – cycle starts over again.
 - GOP – runs state inappropriately.
- Needs helps with signatures (2,500) – Need 100 signatures every day until 5/23/2016.
- Facebook page up
- Q & A
 - What’s your background?
 - 1992 degree in finance – Norte Dame – 1995 law degree
 - Became prosecutor
 - Gus Rosenfeld – insurance work; Wilner; plaintiff side; 2004 moved to Phoenix; mass tort litigation.
 - Exceeded the required qualifications
 - Acquittals in both state courts
 - Done both sides
 - What’s the story of Latinos registering in AZ?
 - About 1/3 of registered voters.
 - Trump has made it personal – more will be registering and voting against him.
 - Millennials fired up
 - Demographics are in our favor
 - AZ is in play!!
 - Roads from school to prison; and band the box?
 - Band the box is an important 1st step. PA automatically eliminates
 - Movement across country to automatically restore civil rights and expunge record.
 - Give people a clean start if they earned it.

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- Punish and hold accountable, but don't give them a weight to carry their whole life.

- Prop 123 – You can't trust the other side; can't trust legislative to follow through
 - Trying to fund more money to charter and private schools.
 - Have the money – just don't want to settle & fund tax breaks.
 - A poker game; people not comfortable
 - Not sustainable; the draw rate will exceed the amount the constitution requires to be paid.

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5. Chair's Report

- Encouraged audience to sign petitions if they haven't already done so.
- Acquired new position as the Field Representative for the West Valley.
- State Committee Meeting/DNC At-large Delegate Election –
 - Running for Alternate and At-Large Delegates
 - Need Volunteers; please sign-up to help out
 - At Phoenix Convention Center @8:30a.m.
- Signature Slams -
 - Congratulated Morrie, Eileen and Gerae for obtaining over 100 signatures on Wed.
 - Registered Democrats 31,617 (38.4%); Registered Republicans- 1,915; 30,998 Other voters.
- Petition Drive – May 17th / 2 locations in Goodyear
 - Compass Church @6- 9 a.m. & 3-7:00 p.m.
 - Pebble Creek @ Eagle's Nest; @6- 9 a.m. & 3-7:00 p.m.
 - Help LD13 (Buckeye and N. Yuma) Lisha Graves – needs to get 400 signatures.
- Field Organizer – Working for the Ann Kirkpatrick campaign
 - Paid Fellows - \$1,000.00 per month
 - Internships – not paid position.
 - Need volunteers.
- Café Royale, 809 N. Dysart Rd., Avondale, Sat. 5/14/2016
- MCDP Memberships
 - Circle of Friends
 - Victory 2016, only source of funding for additional headquarters in election year (\$16/mo. until Election 2016); receive lapel pin

6. Treasurer's Report

- MCDP Assessment – Partial Payment (Motion to pay next partial)
 - Bal from last meeting: \$362.25 bank; \$22.00 expense to attend executive chair meeting; partial pymt \$100.00 to MCDP
- Membership Dues - \$20/person or \$35/couple

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7. Old/New Business

- Fundraising Committee Report – Eileen Fein
 - SAVE THE DATE Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 for Joint Fundraiser
 - Each LD will have 45 tickets to sell
 - Old Pueblo Café – dinner & dessert (owner a Democrat)-\$25.00 per ticket.
 - Dessert Auction – Participants to bring a dessert to auction. Proceeds go to LD4.
 - Hope to have lots of candidates present; will circulate the desserts for sale; each will be given a couple of minutes to speak.
- 2nd Banner for Petition Drives
 - \$41.33 for banner; thanks to Amy and David reimbursed LD4
 - Donation of \$40.00 to purchase 2nd banner; Mary & Rick
 - \$64.25 proposed quote; \$24.25 short
 - Cathy suggested that LD4 pay the balance. motioned to pay out of LD4 made by Ed; 2nd Eileen
- Canvassing for:
 - Lisa Otondo – AZ Senate; Charlene Fernandez – AZ House; Jesus Rubalcava – AZ House
 - Paul Penzone – MC Sheriff; Adrian Fontes – MC Recorder; Diego Rodriguez – MC Attorney; Michelle Robertson – MC Superintendent of Schools; Joe Downs – MC Treasurer; Steve Gallardo – MC Supervisor
 - William Mundell & Tom Chabin – Corporation Commission
 - Lisha Graves – AZ House (LD13)
 - Ann Kirkpatrick – US Senate

8. Upcoming Events

- Graff for CAWCD Campaign Kick-Off Party & Fundraiser. The Duce, 525 S Central Ave May 11 5:30pm
- State Committee Meeting/DNC At-large Delegate Election Caucus – Phoenix Convention Center May 14 8:30am
- Special Election Petition Drive May 17 2 polling locations in Goodyear
- MCDP Executive Committee Meeting May 26 5:30pm
- Next LD4 Democrats Monthly Meeting – Total Wine June 14, 2016; 6:30pm
- **Tonight's Raffle – \$20.00 proceeds.**

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gerae; second by Ed.

8:25 PM