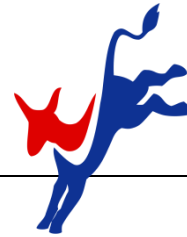


LD04 Democrats of Maricopa County

General Meeting Minutes

Total Wine, 1416 N Litchfield Rd



Tuesday, January 12, 2016

6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Welcome@ 6:42 p.m.

Approval of Agenda/Previous Minutes

2. Meeting of November 10, 2015 was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Karen Peters' presentation on **Gun Violence Prevention**, will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Introductions: 15 in attendance

3. Introduction of all those in attendance: Cathy Hozian; Rick & Mary Salsman, Morrie Seeskin; Gerae Peten; Jesus Rubalcava; Karen Peters; Jim Laurent; Pat & Robin Tayler; Caroline Richards; Ingrid Stromberg & Wayne Harris; Anthony Fusco; Diane Post (Guest Speaker).

Chair's Report – Cathy Hozian

- 4.
- DNC Delegate Process –
 - Vic Peterson injured - Go FundMe account to replace hearing aids
 - Dec. Maricopa County Winter Conf. New Chair ... Steven, etc. executive board
 - Support for Phil Gordan as new Sheriff
 - DNC – Delegate process –download nomination pkg. 1/18/2016 – outlines process as what you need to do to become a delegate at the Nat'l Convention, 7/28-29/2016 in Phil. Pa.
 - MCDP Memberships – Encouraged all to go to the Dem. Website to sign-up.
 - Victory 2016 (\$16/mo. until Election 2016); lapel pin

Treasurer's Report- Mary Salsman

5. Collected \$120 for the PC's @ \$20.00

Presentations

- 6.
- Jesus Rubalcava – Candidate for AZ House in LD4 (10 mins.)
 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Why running? Stated purpose and objectives.
 - Running Clean Election; Individual donations solicited
 - Sitting School Board Member for 7yr. in Gila Bend, AZ
 - Experiences broadened perspective of education ... AZ has a long way to go. Wants to be involved at all levels. Inner-City Phoenix matters more than small rural areas – need representation across the board. Education politics – Sought position on the AZ School Board Assoc. but didn't get the nomination and ran from the floor and won. Served as Pres. Of the association.
 - Inflation law-suit – Money owed to schools and needed to be paid back – it's now a ballet initiative. Supported to Supreme Court Judge Clint Bolden – opponent of public schools.
 - Entitled to a free and appropriate education.
 - Need an experienced voice advocating for education at the State. Need stronger voice in education, esp. special education.
 - Serving on town council of Gila Bend to improve communication – priority to pass bond to improve school facilities.
 - Water rights must be protected from being stolen by CA.

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- Diane Post – Private, For-profit Prisons (30 mins.) **See attached PowerPoint Presentation for full content on topic presented.*
 - Most prisons are non-violent; parole viol, late, not paying.
 - Mental ill & can't conform to society.
 - For Profit – Needed free laborers.
 - The New Jim Crow, author, Michelle Alexander....slavery never ended just changed.
 - 28,000 AZ children in Foster Children Highest in the country.
 - AZ only state that has Truth in Sentencing for 1st time offenders.
 - John Kavanaugh removed legislature to compare cost of corruption.

Old/New Business – Cathy Hozian, Chair

7.
 - Fundraising suggestions – Morrie & Eileen
 - Options explored:
 - Wine Tasting – Contact Total Wines to facilitate. March might be a good time.
 - Bowling party – summertime when it's hot.
 - Dinner Event.
 - T-Shirts Sell for \$10 as fundraiser.

Upcoming Events

8.
 - Democrat Debate Watch Party – Sunday, January 17th 5PM
 - Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds, 7611 S. 29th Ave, Laveen
 - Reception for Ann Kirkpatrick - Tuesday, January 19 5:30PM
 - More info to come. Hdqtrs opening 1/30/2016
 - Annual TRUST AZ WOMEN Gala - Thursday, January 21 6PM
 - State Committee Meeting - Saturday, January 23rd in Kingman
 - Good hotel rates available
 - MCDP Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday, January 28th 6PM
 - Monthly event
 - Next Meeting Mikel Weisser – State Director of NORML- Legalization of Marijuana
 - Next LD meeting Tuesday, February 9th 6:30PM
 - SB-2123 Sentencing reform bill to address many sentencing issues
 - Bill to make for Profit Prisons outlawed in this country.

9. Adjournment

Wayne motioned to adjourn and Rick 2nd.

Minutes submitted by: Gerae Peten, LD4 Secretary

Next Meeting:

February 9, 2016, @6:30 p.m.

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