

# LD4 Democrats of Maricopa County

## General Meeting Minutes

Total Wine, 1416 N Litchfield Rd, Goodyear



**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

### **1. Call to Order & Welcome**

**6:39 PM**

### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Motion by Wayne Harris; 2nd Rick Salsman; Approved

### **3. Introductions - 38 attendees**

- Many new faces from LD4 and other Legislative districts.
- New attendees received LD4 Welcome packages.
- We're here to get other Dems motivated to change things at the state and national level.

### **4. Guest Speakers**

- Katie Hobbs, Senate Minority Leader, running for Secretary of State
  - District 24 – Senate Minority Leader – 7 yrs.; previously a social worker; working on public policy for domestic violence; hold offenders more accountable.
  - House one term – moved over to Senate
  - Platform
    - Save our schools – extends vouchers to everyone in the state – takes money from public schools. Lost battle in legislature.
    - A coordinated effort by Republicans to suppress votes, esp. students, people of color, the poor, etc.
    - More people should have access to ballot.
    - Snafu – of incumbent, Michelle Regan, felony for neighbor to submit your ballot, cited many mistakes made in office. Ran on platform to support dark money and continues to support.
    - Q & A
      - Ballot Harvesting – in court now.
      - Mistakes are deliberate – failed to send out statutory voter guides
      - No statewide democrat in 10 yrs. – This race is a huge opportunity for a change in 2018. Started early for a better chance. HB1413 on ballot
      - We had a Dem governor – Her decision to leave AZ gave us Brewer.
      - What will happen to Hobbs' seat? – Lela Alston running for her vacant seat – making sure a Dem fills her seat.
      - Social Media support – AZ House Democrats & AZ Senate Democrats – ties to @KatieHobbs on Twitter.
      - Big charter schools will probably flip to private schools for same money and more flexibility.
- Noah Dyer, Referral of HB2404
  - Overview
    - Passed – does a lot of things
      - More expensive to circulate petitions
      - Extends windows and ways to challenge – raises expense
      - Most nefarious of all – create different rules for candidates
      - Needs 75,000 signatures; deadline 8/8/2017
      - Need volunteers – to get 2 – 10 sheets – need 1,000 signatures per day.
      - HB 2224 – makes it easier to challenge petitions, i.e. margins, verbiage, etc.

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- o Voter suppressions – take away rights; make politicians accountable to citizens.
- o Q & A
  - Want minority rule
  - 3 groups and 3 referendums – you should sign all of them.
- Save our Schools (SOS): HB 1431 – official endorsements by party
  - Pam – public educator for 42 yrs. – knows 1st hand what is being denied children in AZ
  - SOS – statewide grass root operations; HB1431 – want to repeal – taking student money to private schools. Choice can be a good thing, but not when 85% - the vast majority of students – student achievement 48th in nation. Teachers leave because they cannot live on teacher’s income.
  - More concerned about more money leaving our public schools. To repeal the expansion of vouchers to all students.
  - Q – Schools should make the school experience better; so underfunded that teacher turnover is excess.
  - A – Charter H.S. board member — attract good teachers with a better wages. Never going to change as long as republicans are running the state.
  - 2009- 4.5 billion cut from education. Money from Prop 123 does not replace this loss. Grossly underfunding public schools; cannot compete with private schools that have unlimited funds.
  - School Choice – not everyone has choice because of money, lack of transportation – a false promise – provide quality education.
  - Majority of people who take advantage of this are affluent families who can make up the deficient, e.g. \$10,000.00. Not going to serve the majority very well.
  - Some are private, prosocial schools ... making their funding possible.
  - Our legislatures are making this possible.
  - Q – Can charter schools discriminate? – Admit people equally – but kick students out; can enforce a lottery; technically they should admit everyone.
  - Anyone signed in – please state your email for further notices.

## 5. Treasurer’s Report – Mary

- \$1,622.97 ending balance – 1,662.95 beg. Some expenses.
- Deposit: \$40; Expenses \$ 79.98
- Bank charge - \$3.00 to look at deposit

## 6. Chair’s Report - Cathy

- Good News – Wayne & Ingrid aren’t moving...at least not now. Wayne another month – have a new offer. Thanked them for open house to fundraisers; water at meetings; mini-fundraisers. Ingrid the co-chair; We’ll miss them.
- Canvassing efforts – 233 door knocks
  - Past month accounting; it’s working
  - Background – LD4 – 2 yrs. ago. We organized the district; started with 2 PCs; we now have 16; the more PC’s we have the greater our voice at the local and state levels; PCs get out there to knock on doors, get signatures, the voice & face of the Dem party. Anyone who wants lists to meet neighbors – only the highest efficacy.
  - 1st meeting (May 2015) we had 6 – 10 people; 1st election August 2015.
  - In new packages – form for new precinct members
- State Committee Meeting – May 20 in Tucson
  - Overview – kind of uneventful, but some resolutions passed; new caucus for LGBT that was formed and recognized; good information; lots of candidate addresses. Next in September - not sure of location – might be Prescott
- PC Training – Jun 14 @ MCDP 5:30-8pm; Be sure to RSVP - @MCDP Headquarters
  - Probably already booked

- Happy Hour, Jun 30, Haymakers
  - Very successful – booking another for the last Friday of the month. – Reserved from 4 – 6p.m. @ Haymakers.
- Patriotic Parade, Jul 1, Saturday; Estrella South Lake Park; 9:30 a.m.
  - A couple of Moms organized; want everyone to be involved; donations from Safeway, Oasis Bagels, etc. We can take our banner and march around; very excited to have Dems; wear red, white & blue; can register people to vote – we can have a sign-up station.
- MCDP Summer Convention, Aug 19, Central High School
  - Over 1500 PCs in Maricopa, therefore we needed a larger venue.
  - Increased PC's 3x.

## 7. Old/New Business

- Welcome Packets - Completed and distributed
  - Glossary of acronyms, map of our district – encompasses 4 counties (Yuma, Pinal, Maricopa, & Pima)
- Training before meetings proposed – 30 minutes
  - How to use Mini-Van, how to canvass, get suggested trainings from other LDs.
  - How does everyone feel about the trainings?
    - Everyone should invite another Dem friend.
    - LD4 no longer the newest – LD1 in Anthem – new kids on the block.
- Name Badges - \$10 each
  - Maricopa name badges – magnetic
  - Discussion for LD4 to pay for them or each individual. Agreement to pay for our own.
  - Email Cathy for order and specifics – before 6/26/2017
- Invite New People – Canvass on Sat, Jul 1st or 8th
  - July 8, 2017 – next canvass date. Sign-up sheet passed around for participants.
- Committee Reports
  - PC Recruitment/Membership – **Need Chair** – organize canvasses, events, get petitions signed
  - Community Outreach – **Need Chair**
  - Fundraising/Events – Eileen & Morrie
    - Ongoing issue of dues; urge all people to pay the dues \$20/35 per couple. County dues; access to Voter Activation Network List (VAN). Recurring dues \$5.00 per month; Suggestions – pay annual dues not nickel and dime us all year long.
  - Communications/Social Media – Rick & Ingrid – No report
  - Legislature - Vic – No report
- Suggestions for Other Events during the Month
  - Criticism – Dems are not issue oriented - create opportunities for discussions. Incorporate 15 minutes in meetings for issue discussions.
  - Bowling, Brunch, Happy Hour, etc.

## 8. Good of the Order

- Motivate people to sign-up for SLACK – nice tool to use.
- Events for SOS – stop and sign all over the valley. Sign all of our petitions.
- Van training – will find out at the next executive board meetings.
- Need someone to “man” post.

## 9. Upcoming Events

- Wed, Jun 14, PC Training, MCDP Headquarters, 5:30-8pm
- Sat, Jun 24, We The People Summit, Phoenix Convention Center
- Mon, Jun 26, MCDP Executive Board Meeting, MCDP, 5:30pm
- Fri, Jun 30, Happy Hour, Haymakers, 4-6pm

- Sat, Jul 1, Patriotic Parade, Estrella South Lake Park
- Tue, Jul 11, LD4 Democrats Monthly Meeting, Total Wine, 6:30pm
- Sat, Aug 19, MCDP Summer Convention, Central High School, 2-4:30pm

**10. Adjournment**

**8:11PM**