

LD4 Democrats of Maricopa County

General Meeting Minutes

Total Wine, 1416 N Litchfield Rd



Tuesday, February 9, 2016

6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order & Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda/Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 12, 2016 by Wayne Harris; Seconded by Rick Salsman

3. Introductions

Present: New Guests: Ed and Susan Stone; Cynthia Bush (LD13)

Regular Members: Cathy Hozian, Rick Salsman, Mary Salsman, Robyn Taylor, Caroline Richardson, Gerae Peten, Ingrid Stromberg and Wayne Harris.

4. Presentations

- Sam Pstross, AZAN –Cancelled
- Mikel Weisser, **NORML** (*National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws*)– Legalize Recreational Marijuana
 - An advocate and cannabinoid educator who teaches one hour classes four times per month. Mr. Weisser also ran for the U.S. Congress – the 4th Congressional District of AZ in 2012 and 2014.
 - Provided extensive historical and contemporary history of cannabis from 480 million years ago to the present.
 - Circulated a vast amount of printed data, brochures, and magazines (**Blazed-420**).
 - Provided the legal history of cannabis in the United States and solicited support for House Bills HB-2474, HB 2019, HB 2061, HB 2404, and HB 2405.

5. Chair's Report

- Elected PC Process
 - Each Precinct Captain must get 10 signatures, from your precinct, to vote for you to be their elected PC.
 - Instructions distributed on how to process petition, i.e. **Instructions for Filling Out Forms.**
 - Form must be notarized – **Maricopa County Precinct Committeemen**
 - “Deemed Elected,” if not contended.
 - Deadline April 25, 2016 – to our Chair, Cathy Hozian
- DNC Delegate Process
 - No one interested
 - AZDEMS.org – 47 page document of instructions;
- Website critique
 - Postponed to next month due to lack of input to date.
 - All websites will be scrutinized
- MCDP Assessment-
 - Bill received from county - \$500.00 in installments upon receipt.
 - Must do fundraisers

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- Membership Dues - \$20/person or \$35/couple
- MCDP Memberships
 - Victory 2016, only source of funding for additional headquarters in election year (\$16/mo. until Election 2016); receive lapel pin

6. Treasurer's Report

- \$155.00 to date.
- 501-C4 organization

7. Old/New Business

- Fundraising Suggestions
 - Wine Tasting – Total Wines – must be a non-profit org. – must see if they will extend to a 501C4
 - Bowling party
 - T-Shirts
 - Raffle Baskets
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Spring Training Fundraiser – Caroline
 - Concession booths
 - Volunteers needed
 - New Business opening up – The Main Event -opens 3/9/2016
 - After 3/15/2016
 - Invite other LD's
 - Cathy to scout out possibilities; will send out information
 - Bowling facility
 - Heavy discounts
 - Provides fundraising opportunity
- Shaping Our LD4
 1. What do you want to get out of our group?
 - a. Camaraderie
 - b. Other likeminded-people
 - c. Community Involvement; initiatives
 2. What are you able to add to the group?
 3. What are your strengths/talents?
 4. What other organizations are you involved with?
 - a. Group activism
 - b. Turn AZ "Blue"
 - c. Democracy for American
 - d. AZ Federation of Women, etc.
 - e. Pebble Creek Democrats meetings – Cynthia Bush invited our group to attend.
 5. How do you feel we can make a difference as a group?
 6. Have a second executive mtg.to discuss issues
 7. Dues – all members should pay.
 - a. Need more members – advertise and invite.
 - b. Election year – focus on how we can impact
- Campaigning for Jesus Rubalcava
 - Signatures & \$5s

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8. Upcoming Events

- MCDP Board Meeting Monday, February 22nd 6 PM
- DFA-MC Wednesday, February 17th 6 PM at Macayo's on Central
- Liberal Ladies Saturday, February 20th 11 AM at Phoenix City Grille
- Next LD Meeting Tuesday, March 8th 6:30 PM
- DFA-MC/ADLCC Campaign Academy April 2 & 3
- MCDP Diamond Event Dinner Saturday, April 9th
- AFDW Fundraiser Saturday, April 23rd 11:30am – 1:30pm
 - Karsten's Golf Course Restaurant, 1125 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Cathy Hozian; seconded by Rick Salsman

8:37 PM