

May 2022 Newsletter

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, May 26

Registration: 6:30 PM Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center

33606 N. 60th Street in Scottsdale

MAP

Yes, we're playing a variation of "musical chairs" with meeting locations. As noted before, the geographic extent and large number of PCs in LD3 have created a challenge in finding a meeting location which is centrally located, large enough, affordable, & consistently available. The concerns expressed by many of you about Pinnacle High School are being considered. For now, please be patient, knowing that we are continuing efforts to identify a location that meets all (or at least most) criteria.

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

The process of reorganization has diverted us away from what I, and I trust many of you, consider our primary mission as PCs. That mission is: to become informed about candidates and issues, to use that information to effectively communicate to voters, and to ultimately motivate them to think like us, vote like us, and elect Republicans who respect & understand the Constitution, support an "America First" agenda, and have the determination and "backbone" to remember why they are elected to office and who they represent.

The remaining "housekeeping" matter, new District Bylaws, will be handled soon, but our upcoming meetings need to focus on the work ahead of us in the August & November elections. I also appreciate that we are all volunteers and we must balance and prioritize our time commitments to God, family, work, and other activities. Acknowledging this, I believe it is important to manage our meetings as efficiently as possible, maximizing attention to our primary mission.

To stay informed & connected, please read our Constant Contact messages. Those messages are sent from "news@ld3gop.org" and, due to the number of recipients, may land in "Spam." Questions for me can be sent to "ld3gop@protonmail.com." I check that account several times every day.

Thanks for all that you do!

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

I hope all of you can agree, it feels good to be able to begin to enfold three LDs in to our new LD3. Unfortunately, it has been a slower process than any of us hoped for.

It is time to get to work, walking our precincts, meeting our voters and supporting our candidates for the August 2, 2022 Primary election. We need each of you to help, by stepping up to work as a Poll Worker or Poll Observer for both the August and November election. Watch your emails for more details in the upcoming couple of weeks.

As we put together our sign-in sheets and our PC records, when you sign in on May 26, please make sure we have entered your name correctly, letting us know what name you prefer we use.

Welcome to LD3 – I'm excited to work with you and help our team continue grow a successful and strong Republican LD for many years to come.

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SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Catherine Tunget

This month at our May 26th meeting, we are happy to be hosting a House candidate forum for our upcoming primary 8-2-2022. Confirmed to attend and participate are Joseph Chaplik, Alex Kolodin and Darin Mitchell. The format will be as follows: Each candidate will be answering every question and will be subject to time limits. The goal is to keep the candidates from going off topic, accommodate more questions during the forum, and help you determine the best candidates in this contested primary. There are two House seats to be decided upon in the upcoming primary election. We need the strongest "Arizona First" candidates who will then go on to beat the Democrat in November.

Just a note, we will be hosting the Senate candidate forum on June 9th. It was necessary to hold them separately due to candidate scheduling conflicts.

I am requesting for you to submit questions for both the House and Senate now. (Please specify if question pertains to only one of the forums and which one. Job descriptions are the same) Please submit your questions to my email at catherinetunget@gmail.com. **The deadline for question submission is on or before 5-20-22.** The candidates will have a maximum 1-2 minutes for each question so please keep that in mind when you formulate your questions. I am including a job description for your convenience and to aid in understanding exactly what our legislators can/can't do.

House and Senate Job Descriptions

The AZ House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the AZ State Legislature, alongside the AZ State Senate (the upper chamber of the State Legislature), together they form the legislative branch of the AZ state government and works alongside the governor of Arizona to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of both chambers include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.

I am excited to be of service to you and please free to reach out any time with comment, questions or concerns. Together we are a force to be reckoned with and we will make our voices heard in our upcoming elections, by electing Arizona First Candidates! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Debby Trudeau, Treasurer

AZ LD 3 Republican Committee 2022 Statement of Activity & Reconciled Bank Balance End date: May 15, 2022

Revenue

Donations/Dues	\$ 210.00
Names Badges	\$ 64.00
Income from Other LDs	\$15,229.79
	\$15.50
\$3.79	

Expenses

Name Badges	\$ 54.60
Bank/CC Fees	\$ 4.83
Facility Rent	\$ 452.00
Reimbursement to LD 23	\$ 126.00
Total Expenses	\$ 637.43

Bank Balance as of March 31, 2022 (re-org)	\$ 0.00
Bank Balance as of March 15 2022	\$14,866.36

BOGO Promotions, the company used for making name badges, is closing down its operation. We are looking for a new vendor now and hope to have an updated name badge link online soon. Donations/dues can be paid via the LD 3 website, or checks can be mailed to me at the address below.

Debby Trudeau, Treasurer
(360) 710-3722

New LD 3 mailing address:
AZ LD Republican Committee 2022
PO Box 75666
Phoenix, AZ 85087-1031

**New LD3 Republican Committee
Organizational Meeting – March 31, 2022
Cactus Shadows Fine Art Center – Scottsdale/Cave Creek
Meeting Secretary - Jamie Alford**

1) Call to Order (Raymond Jones) MCRC LD3 Election

Facilitator

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

2) Greg Wodynski led the Invocation; Doug Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognized Past LD Officers, Recognized candidates in attendance, thanked volunteers, recognized 2 Sergeant at Arms in attendance and Timekeeper. Motion to approve Jamie Alford as Secretary 1st Motion – Jeff Dial; 2nd Bonnie Ebsytne

Approval of Meeting Agenda; 1st Motion - Mike Ferrar; 2nd Judy Rutkowski Rules – Motion 1st: April Riggins; 2nd Cathy Schwanke

All Motions passed without objection.

3) Credentials Report

Speaker Lori Klein Corbin RNC committee member addressed meeting; answering questions from PCs as verification of quorum was established. Credentials Report by Cathy Schwanke; PCs in person 200; PCs by proxy 68; Total 268; 142 needed for quorum – quorum confirmed.

4) LD Executive Officer Nominations from the Floor - New LD Executive Officers:

LD Chairman: 1) Annabella Gomez 1st motion – Brian Ference, 2nd Jeff French 2) Dr. Rich Rutkowski; 1st motion - Jim O'Connor, 2nd Tim Horn

1st Vice-Chairman: 1) Brian Ference 1st motion - Annabelle Gomez; 2nd Amanda Carlson 2) Nancy Ordowski; 1st motion - Tim Horn; 2nd Michal Joyner

2nd Vice-Chairman: 1) Catherine Tunget 1st motion Brian Ference; 2nd Cindy Sullivan 2) Michele Stephens 1st motion Michael Joyner; 2nd Jeanne Beasley 3) Ashley Earle 1st motion Allen Skillicorn; 2nd Kelly Smith

Secretary: 1) Jim Lockwood 1st motion Michal Joyner; 2nd DJ Lockwood 2) Laurie Foster 1st motion Jeff French; 2nd Diane Niemann

Treasurer: 1) Jeff French 1st motion Brian Ference; 2nd Cynthia Meyers 2) Debby Trudeau 1st motion Basil Fernimos; 2nd Julie Brown

No office uncontested

5) All LD Executive Officer candidate Speeches; each candidate received 2 minutes in order nominated.

6) Vote for LD Executive Officers; Instructions on how to vote for candidates. Fill in the oval corresponding to the candidate as nominated and numbered on the screen. Ballot Volunteers come forward (red tags). Place ballots in white containers. Spoiled Ballots - receive new ballot from Cathy Schwanke. Joseph Chaplik, AZ State Representative provided update on recent bills.

7) Election Results announced as follows: LD Chair: Rutkowski (207) Gomez (49); 1st Vice-Chair: Ordowski (150) Ference (99); 2nd Vice-Chair: Stephens (111) Earle (80) Tunget (65) Secretary: Laurie Foster (132) Jim Lockwood (122); Treasurer: Debby Trudeau (213) Jeff French (42)

8) New Executive Officers Swearing-In Ceremony, and the passing of the Gavel

LD Chairman: Dr. Rich Rutkowski; Vice-Chairman: 1st Vice-Chairman Nancy Ordowski; 2nd Vice-Chairman: Michele Stephens; Secretary: Laurie Foster; Treasurer: Debby Trudeau. Candidates sworn-in by Joseph Chaplik, AZ State Representative.

“Gavel” passed to Chairman LD3 Rich Rutkowski; Raymond Jones deadline for PC nomination is April 4th, Nancy Ordowski collecting petition forms for MCRC.

10) Bylaws Adoption or Bylaws Committee Formation; 1st Motion Tim Horn, 2nd Michal Joyner to approve the proposed Bylaws (LD23). Brian Ference requested modification on the motion requesting a committee to be formed of three members to review. Discussion followed. LD Chair requested a voice vote on Bylaw adoption. The presence of a quorum was questioned but was confirmed. Voice vote was conducted but a majority vote for approval could not be established. Bylaws adoption will be tabled and delayed to the next meeting. Chairman will appoint a Bylaws Committee. PC’s were reminded that credentialing will be required to vote at that meeting.

11) Chairman Remarks and Discussion of Future Meetings: Large geographic area plus the largest LD w/potential of about 800 PC’s. Finding a meeting location (centrally-located, big enough, & affordable) is challenging. Executive Committee to meet and discuss, date and location TBD. Rack cards available at front.

Note: LD23gop.org will be transitioning to LD3gop.org; new email will be ld3gop@protonmail.com and updates will be news@ld3gop.org, from previous news@ld23gop.org. Add these emails to your contacts. Email sheet on stage, sign-up to be added to Constant Contact. Chris Brant is in the lobby accepting donations for Ukraine.

12) Acknowledgements & Adjournment: Thanks to Raymond Jones for facilitating the meeting and to George Teegarden for managing the processing of ballots.

Meeting adjourned without objection at 9:13 PM.

SECRETARY - Laurie Foster

Arizona Legislative District (LD) 3 NEW Organizational Meeting

April 29, 2022

**DRAFT MINUTES
Submitted by LD 3 Secretary Laurie Foster**

**Time: Credentials open at 6 PM, Call to Order at 7 PM
Location: Pinnacle High School Cafeteria, 3535 East Mayo Blvd.,
Phoenix, AZ 85050**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Dr. Richard Rutkowski.

Invocation: Bob Gomez led the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Jerry Sheridan, former Chief Deputy of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome:

Chairman Richard Rutkowski welcomed and recognized current elected officials, state candidates, LD 3 officers were introduced and recognized. Time Keeper Tim Horn and Parliamentarian Dan Grimm were introduced. The Chairman thanked all volunteers at check in and proxy tables and ballot processing manager, George Teegarden and team.

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

A. Gerry Friedel moved to accept the meeting Agenda.

**B. Jim O'Connor moved to add to the Agenda, prior to the adoption of bylaws, a discussion and vote to convert existing 5 voting members of the Bylaws Committee to a temporary committee to investigate standing committees and report back to the body.
Michal Joyner 2nd the motion.**

Chairman Rutkowski noted that all comments/suggestions submitted to the Bylaw Committee were considered in drafting the current proposed Bylaws.

C. Michal Joyner motioned to open up discussion on O'Connor's motion, Tim Horn 2nd the motion.

1. Chairman Rutkowski proposed that each member who would like to speak in discussion period will receive 1 min each, with a total of 5 minutes each side.

2. A voice vote was taken to approve the discussion and discussion format. Result of voice vote could not be established.

3. A hand count vote was taken, Joyner's motion for discussion passed.

4. In favor of Jim O'Connor's motion:

- a) Tim Horn said expanding input into the board and expanding authority is very Republican thing to do, we need more standing committees.
- b) Brian Ference recommended allowing further input from the Membership into the Bylaws.
- c) Michal Joyner said that many suggestions were made to the existing Bylaw Committee, will give Committee chance to further analyze and come back to Membership with results.
- d) Tracy Martin stated Bylaws need to be made precise and concise.
- e) Jim O'Connor said what we are doing here is very American, upholds Republican ideals and that everyone who is participating in this process tonight is part of it, that we need more of us actively engaged in running this massive district

5. Opposed to O'Connor's motion:

- a) Cathy Schwanke stated we have a good product, Bylaws should be concise, we need to get to business, move forward, not spend more time on Bylaws

D. Jim O'Connor restated his motion to add to the Agenda, before the adoption of the Bylaws, a discussion and then a vote to convert the existing 5 voting member Bylaw Committee into a temporary committee serving for one month to review and take suggestions on standing committees and current proposed bylaws and report back to this Body and then vote on the new bylaws.

1. Parliamentarian Dan Grimm stated and clarified our next action is to vote on amending the Agenda to insert Jim O'Connor's proposal/item.

2. Brian Ference proposed amending the motion to have a vote to refer the existing Bylaws Committee back to committee/action, Michal Joyner 2nd the motion.

3. Brian Ference moved that we dismiss discussion. There was no 2nd.

4. Ference withdrew his motion(s).

5. Kevin Maldonado, member of current Bylaws Committee, spoke on behalf of committee to clarify the actions of the Bylaws Committee leading up to tonight's meeting: Worked from the current proposed bylaws from the 3/31/22 LD 3 Reorg Meeting, all input from members/body was requested by Rich Rutkowski and submitted to him, committee hashed it out line by line, voted and came up with the current Proposed Bylaws to be presented and voted on tonight

6. A hand vote count of all Members was taken to approve adding Jim's agenda item. O'Connor's motion, 2nd by Michal Joyner passed and the Agenda will be modified.

E. Chairman Rutkowski identified a place in the agenda to insert Jim O'Connor's motion and a hand vote count of all members was taken to approve the newly modified Meeting Agenda of 4/29/22. Agenda as amended passed.

Approval of Meeting Rules:

Brenda Kalivianakis made motion to approve the Meeting Rules, 2nd by George Nemeh. Voice vote, Meeting Rules passed.

Credentials Report:

Cathy Schwanke reported 150 PCs in attendance, 66 Proxies for a total of 216. Quorum is 149, Quorum established

LD 3 2nd Vice Chairman Candidate Speeches (3 minutes per candidate) and Voting:

- A. Catherine Tunget, Michele Stevens and Ashley Earle.
- B. Candidate Stevens withdrew her candidacy at the end of her speech.
- C. Paper Ballot Voting commenced for LD 3 2nd Vice Chairman

Amended Agenda Item:

A. Jim O' Connor moved to have the 5 voting member Bylaw Committee reassigned to a 30 day committee to review and take suggestions on standing committees and other aspects of the bylaws and report back to the Membership/Body and then vote on new Bylaws. Michel Joyner 2nd the motion.

1. Brief discussion for and against ensued, members noted current bylaws only allow chair to appoint committees, these committees need to be made more robust, complete
2. Chairman Rutkowski clarified to Membership: vote on motion to reconvene/reassign the current 5 member Bylaw Committee to meet, review bylaws, take input from Membership, prepare LD 3 Bylaws for report and proposal at a subsequent meeting, 30 days. **Hand vote count, Jim O'Connor's motion passed.**

Proposal for Adoption and Voting of LD 3 Bylaws:

Chairman Rutkowski stated no discussion or vote on Proposed Bylaws brought by Bylaw Committee tonight due to Jim O'Connor's passed motion.

Announcement of 2nd Vice Chairman Election Results:

200 ballots cast

101 needed to elect

Catherine Tunget received 128

Ashley Earle received 72

Chairman Rutkowski announced Catherine Tunget is the newly elected LD 3 2nd Vice Chairman

2nd Vice Chairman Swearing In:

Catherine Tunget sworn in at 9:39 PM after meeting adjournment

Announcements About Future Regular LD 3 Meetings:

May 26 – State House Forum

June 9- State Senate Forum

Adjournment 9:37 PM

DISTRICT 3 REPUBLICAN CLUB EVENTS

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 AM

Location: Fountain Hills Community Center.

Speakers: US Representative David Schweikert (AZ CD6), candidate for US Representative in AZ CD 1, State Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita, candidate for AZ Sec of State; State Representative (LD23) Joseph Chaplik, candidate for State Representative (LD3) and Alex Kolodin, candidate for State Representative (LD3).

Monthly Social: Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00 PM

NEW LOCATION: Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills

For more info, contact Boe James

at FHRepublican@gmail.com or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org> or Fountain Hills Republican Club on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub.

Trump Fridays

Every Friday from 5:00 - 8:30 PM at

Pinnacle Grille, 10428 E. Jomax Road, #101

Charmaine Roth: 708-420-7099

This month's newsletter was compiled, edited, and respectfully submitted by Rich Rutkowski, District Chairman.