

December 2020 Newsletter

MARICOPA COUNTY STATUTORY MEETING

Saturday, January 9 2021

Details pending

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, January 14 2021

FOUNTAIN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING CENTER

16000 E. PALISADES BLVD.

FOUNTAIN HILLS

MAP

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

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

We must continue to pray for the success of President Trump, his legal team, and others in their efforts to defend election integrity, restore trust, and prevent fraud and deceit from claiming victory. Please continue to read our Action Alerts with ways you can help.

Thank you to all who voted to elect me as your new District Chairman. I appreciate your support. I pledge to do my best to be worthy of that support and to earn the trust of those who voted for the other candidates. I welcome the opportunity to work with Nancy, Joe, Deborah, & Barry to make our District an even stronger voice and force in the Arizona Republican Party as we work to protect and promote conservative Republican principles and support & elect candidates who share that mission.

I attended the Maricopa County Republican Committee Executive Guidance Committee on December 2. The County Statutory Meeting (for all PCs) is to be held on Saturday, January 9. However, due to current restrictions on large meetings, the location and other details for that meeting have not been finalized. One of the votes held at the meeting was whether to actively seek a venue for an in-person meeting (as an active expression of our 1st Amendment Rights) or defer to a "virtual-only" format. The vote was 18 to 8 in favor of the 1st Amendment. (I voted as one of the 18.) A committee to expeditiously explore and implement plans for the in-person meeting was created. Once details are known, those will be communicated to you but for now please keep that January 9 date open. I am also on the MCRC Bylaws Committee and will provide you with a report on proposed Bylaw changes in the near future.

The best way to reach me is at ld23gop@gmail.com. I check that inbox daily. I wish you Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

It's been a privilege to serve as your Chairman. I appreciate the support you have shown me and all of your hard work in the campaign and election. My role in the District is changing a little, but I look forward to continuing our work along with you and as part of our leadership team of Rich, Joe, Deborah, & Barry. After the holidays, regardless of the outcome of the presidential election, we'll resume the process of recruiting new PCs to fill vacancies in our precincts. We'll be providing the training needed to effectively accomplish our goal of advancing the conservative Republican agenda in our District, Maricopa County, and Arizona. We will continue the work of registering more Republicans and enlisting them as active participants in achieving our goal. Until then, may you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, & Happy New Year. As always, you can reach me at ncordowski@gmail.com or (480) 203-5278.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

Hi LD23! I am honored to serve you. Thank you for your confidence through your votes. Thank you to Gina Swoboda and Tim Morrison for putting their hats in the ring for the 2nd Vice Chair position. Their interest helps us build the team of folks that would be great for partnering with the board to help us into the future. I've reached out to both, and look forward to their contributions.

As 2nd Vice Chair, my responsibility defined in the bylaws (beside serving at direction of the Chair), assigns me to "...serve as program chairman for the District". Right now, we have a location secured through April 2021 which rather uniquely meets key requirements for our meetings; the Fountain Hills School District Learning Center. Some of the feedback I've heard suggest we strive to choose alternating locations around the district. Let's explore this. Please, if you have ideas and access to locations that can support our meetings, please reach out to me, I'd value working with you and your ideas. Our January meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021. We are planning a preview of Arizona Legislature topics from our Senator and Representatives. I'm also working on an initial guest to provide some perspectives on our LD's voter performance in the General Election which should be insightful. Please put January 14 on your calendar.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
Statement of Activity and Bank Balance
Month-Ended Nov 30, 2020

| Revenue | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Donations/dues | \$ - |
| Badges | - |
| Christmas Party | <u>630.00</u> |
| Total Revenue | <u>630.00</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Bank and credit card fees | 21.78 |
| Election expenses | 4,052.78 |
| Picnic party | 315.62 |
| Rent | <u>97.50</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>4,487.68</u> |
| Net Change | -3,857.68 |
| Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end | <u>16,375.59</u> |
| Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end | <u>\$ 12,517.91</u> |

Thank you very much to those who have already made their annual donation! Your donations leading up to this donation are very appreciated. Your continued gifts will help us pay for flyers and handouts that we have not yet been invoiced or approved payment for.

Annual Donations: The recommended annual donation is \$30 (\$50/couple). Donations can be made at monthly meetings, or by the following:

1. To securely pay by credit card, use this link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/92401SR47FEY9/checkout/HVIZTIJQZEB/AFPSTZQC7TLC>

2. Mail a check along with the completed Donation Form (Documents section of www.LD23GOP.org) to:

Barry Graham, Treasurer
District 23 Republicans
8776 E. Shea Blvd. Suite 106-341
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Make check payable to: **District 23 Republican Committee**

Note: Both checks and credit cards accepted. Donations not tax deductible.

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MEETING MINUTES

District 23 Republican Committee

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

November 19, 2020

**Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center
16000 E. Palisades Blvd. Fountain Hills, AZ**

I. Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Tim Horn called the meeting to order. He informed attendees that Chairman Nancy Ordowski was unable to attend due to family medical matter and that she had authorized him to chair the meeting since the current 1st & 2nd Vice-Chairmen are candidates for officer positions.

II. Agenda

Tim Horn

Invocation was delivered and Pledge of Allegiance was declared. Tim provided an overview of the meeting agenda and instructions for voting.

Report of Credentials Committee

Valerie Giramberk reported that 131 PCs were present in person and 82 PCs were present by proxy for a total of 213 PCs. The quorum requirement for the meeting of 87 PCs was met.

Report of Nominating Committee

Valerie Giramberk reported that the Nominating Committee met and confirmed eligibility of nominees whose names appear on the printed ballot. Eligibility of any nominees from the floor will be verified.

Nominations from the floor

Tim Horn explained the process for making nominations from the floor and following Roberts' Rules of Order proceeded to call for nominations for each officer position, beginning with the office of District Chairman. The only Nomination from the floor for Officer was Christine Cothrun for 1st Vice Chairman. Christine's name and corresponding ballot number was displayed on the video screens. Nominations from the floor for the position of State Committeeman were then accepted. Nominees included Kate Angelos, Veronika Corcoran, Gail Golec, Kathleen Morlock, & Teresa Skelnik. The names and corresponding ballot numbers were displayed on the video screens.

Voting

PCs submitted ballots to George Teegardan for tabulation. PCs were advised that results would be sent out via Constant Contact and would also be posted on the About page of www.ld23gop.org as soon as possible. PCs were invited to remain in attendance and wait for results if they choose to do so.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 PM.

Minutes were taken and are respectfully submitted by Richard Rutkowski.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Saturday, December 14

McCormick Scottsdale Millennium Hotel, Lakeside Ballroom

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

8:15 AM Registration / 9:00 AM Meeting / 10:00 AM Brunch

Speakers: State Treasurer Kimberly Yee & ASU College Republicans

Brunch & meeting - \$32 per person. For information & RSVP, please visit <http://prwc.org>.

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Monday, December 7

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting / 6:20 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Program

Speakers: Tyler Bowyer, AZ National Committeeman and COO, Turning Point USA
and Michelle Ormiston, Communications Coordinator for Chrysalis.

Reservations needed by Dec. 5 (\$35 cash or check to "LRW"). RSVP to

Karen Garrett at 602-571-6020 or azgarrett@gmail.com.

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 16

Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch; Music by Mercer Lane

Speaker: Rae'Lee Klein. ASU student speaking on conservative journalism in today's higher education

Reservations required (\$35) at <https://pvrwluncheon.eventbrite.com>

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next meeting: Saturday, December 12

Fountain Hills Community Center & ZOOM option

Speakers: Talk Radio Host Mike Broomhead

Registration at 8:30 AM; Meeting at 9:00 AM

FHRC Social: _____ PENDING

All American Sports Grill, 16872 E Ave of the Fountains, 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.

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