

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
August 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Ron Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Jan Neal gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. All joined in the singing of God Bless America.

WELCOME TO VISITORS Gracie Boyd, Juny Brooks, Dan Burtley, Patty Coyne, Betty Edmon, Jerry Fangman, Lisa Frink, Carla Hacker, Louis Huber, John Matthews, Fran Mills, Sally Pihl, Shirley Rahilly, Tom Rahilly, Karol Rief, Clarke Silver, Barbara Scott, Randal Scott, Barbara Verderose, Lanny Young. Present 101 Members and 20 guests.

The July Minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting.

Clair Van Steenwyk introduced the speakers for the meeting:

Debbie Bame and Rosemary Spalding (first picture) gave an update about the affidavit successes the Affidavit Mama's have had since they spoke to us in April. Ms. Spaulding reported the new County Ballot Procedure Manual is out for review. Comments must be received by August 15. It can be found on the Secretary of State website or through the County Recorder. Documents were available to the audience to sign affidavits and also medical affidavits.

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (second picture) joined us to give us an update on what is going on in Washington, D.C. She said it's a swamp/battle there but we can't give up. She spoke about the radical rules the Biden administration is trying to forcefully implement: emission tailpipe rule, new standards for hot water heaters, dishwashers and air conditioners. She stated there are two hot buttons in D.C. – indictments against Donald Trump, which the main stream covers non-stop, and the investigation into Hunter Biden and the Biden family, which the main stream media doesn't cover. There is a correlation between the revelation of Biden financial information and the indictments of Trump by the Department of Justice. Ms. Lesko serves on the Energy and



Commerce Committee which includes the Medicare/Health Agency. In questioning Becerra regarding the unaccompanied minors crossing the border, concerns that children are living in homes controlled by the Cartel and they work to pay off their crossing debts. Are these homes inspected like foster homes, FBI background checks done on homes they release the children to – not for the illegal immigrants. She said we cannot give up – God is in charge and we are here for a purpose. Congresswoman Lesko said she is in favor of the impeachment inquiry of Biden as the best way to get more detailed information.

Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction (third picture), spoke of various problems he has been addressing. Kathy Hoffman had set up a Queer Chat website that children give personal information to and that an escape button is built into the program so; if a parent comes near, it instantly moves them to a parental friendly website. This has been shut down. Academic proficiency is down in the public schools – 2/3 of students are not proficient in math and 60% of the students are not proficient in reading.

Important points he feels are necessary for students:

1. The schools need to focus on academics and get away from other distractions such as CRT.
2. Social emotional learning. Kids are busy digging into personal identity and there is not enough time for core subjects.. There is a policy that teachers are not to discipline children and administrators do not enforce acceptable behavior
3. Children must be safe in schools. He wants to increase school resource officers from 170 to 355. He has brought in a Navy Seal officer to give them advanced training.

Horne feels it is important to encourage parents/grandparents and others committed to better education to run for school boards. He supports ESAs and believes in parental choice. Horne also feels English immersion is important for all students rather than teaching bilingually. He also would like schools to be required to teach reading by phonics to improve education. He feels there are excessive administration costs in school districts and they need more teachers.

Rob Canterbury, running for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors was introduced.

Barbara Verderose with the Sun City Grand Republican Club invited members to their next meeting on August 19 at 8:30 a.m. at The Church on the Green. Their guest speaker is Jeff Zink, who was charged with trespassing on January 6 and his experiences.

The 50/50 drawing was announced.

There being no further business, President Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Secretary