

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
September 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Randle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Marjorie Favia gave the Invocation. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America and Janie Randle led the singing of God Bless America.

WELCOME VISITORS: Margie Bentler, Margaret Bolster, Barbie Cook, Roger Craig, George Dunruga, Brenda Ellerbroek, Aaron Garland, David Gleason, J.D. Gleason, Alex Gomez, Kevin & Lynn Hall, Susan Hanson, Bill & Paula Hedlund, Janet Kauzladri, Ricky Lanvet, Alice Leppke, Josh Lind, John & Patricia Miotke, Susan Mitchell, Steven Pappas, Anita Peffer, Judy Penman, Sheila Peters, Howard & Sharon Poch, Sharon Rodgers, Glen E. Saylor, Margaret Shoemaker, Barbara Wyllie, Barry & Nugette Yurtis . There were 102 members, 36 guests and three speakers present: a total number of 144.

Bob Randle asked for approval of the June minutes as published on the Sun City West Republican website. Motion approved.

President Randle reported that our former Treasurer, Donna Sies, fell recently and broke her back She is home doing well. Randle reported that the Nominating Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 11. Chairman, Bridget Nelke resigned and Randle will complete her position on the Committee which will end after the nominations are accepted at the October meeting. He reported that new memberships that are paid beginning at the October meeting, will be for the final months of 2025 and the calendar year 2026. He noted there are the following papers on each table: Volunteer forms, Question form for speakers and Nominating Committee update.

Vice President Linda Barnes noted the November 4 election date for jurisdictional districts. This will be a mail-in ballot only election. She encouraged attendees to go to BeBallotReady.Vote, then view “View My Voting District” to make sure they show you as a registered voter.



Barbara Wyllie introduced Dr. Scott Spurgeon who is Superintendent of District 4 West Mec schools. They are listed on the upcoming election to get bond approval for three new schools that will not cost taxpayers additional funds. Spurgeon reported there are 1800-1900 students that will be ready to go directly into the workforce upon graduation after completing 2-year courses during their junior & senior years. The campus covers 3900 miles of the Phoenix area & surrounding school districts – over 130 high schools participate. There are currently five campuses with state-of-the-industry training equipment. Thirty two different course programs are offered. New courses to be added if the bond is

approved: Artificial Intelligence, Biomed Equipment Tech, Early Childhood, Emergency Room Tech and Clinical Data Coordinator. He noted that special education students participate and there is 79% placement of those students.

He noted the 8 campuses to benefit from this Bond:

1. NE Campus- adding to and redoing some of the existing.
2. So. Peoria 14 acres at 101 & Peoria-new
3. SE Campus at 101 & Thomas
4. Dysart & Grand Campus
5. Wichenburg area
6. No Peoria new the Amkur site north of 303-new
7. Bell & 32nd (Paradise Valley)
8. Verado area-new

Question: How can seniors get involved? Spurgeon said most of their instructors were active in trade fields. They take coursework to learn teaching skills.

How are students screened? Spurgeon stated students are screened through their high schools. They take 18% special needs students and they gain good skills to take into the workforce. Students pay \$100 for uniforms. There are additional fees for some courses. The students get their tools when they complete coursework. Many of the programs are a two-year course and in great demand. Spurgeon noted the students attend 4 hours of regular high school and their classes at Wes Mec are covered thru regular education student funding. He said their students are very bright.



Linda Barnes introduced Warren Peterson who is running for Attorney General. He is currently the President of the Arizona Senate. He said he was recruited because he defends the Constitution. When the Arizona Attorney General will not defend certain issues, he as Senate President can file lawsuits: he has filed over 80 lawsuits and been very successful. They won on not having to electrify trucks that California legislated and their suit over safety for women in sports is being heard by the Supreme Court now.

Warren Peterson said he is the only candidate not endorsed by Planned Parenthood. He is a lifelong Republican, signed subpoenas on the Election, is a free-market champion and was rated the #1 most conservative legislator out of 90. Bills passed by the Senate: banned sex changes on minors, eliminated a state agency, eliminated pensions for politicians, Arizona ICE Act – 48 hours to pick up detained criminals, and Election Results night of election (vetoed by Hobbs). He noted the Senate and House are the Red wall protecting Arizonans from Governor Hobbs.

Question: How do we get lower gas prices? Governor can apply for waivers – with strong Governor it could be done.

Questions: What about hand counting the ballots: Peterson believes in one day/one vote. They are slowly shrinking the time to case ballots by two days. He believes one month is too long to vote.

Question: What is the deal about Janae Shamp being removed from her position. Peterson declined to bad-mouth another Republican.



Linda Barnes introduced Debbie Lesko, County Commissioner. Lesko discussed the issues with BNSF Whitman project. BNSF purchased 4300 acres a number of years ago by Whitman. Through Federal Preemptive Rights they can do the Intermodal facility without local zoning approval. The two logistic projects of warehouses they will sell or lease and the center that will involve sand, gravel and chemicals are subject to zoning. Their plan is to put in their own wastewater treatment plan which will benefit the community. Grand and the 303 exchange do not have the capacity to handle the 23,000 added vehicle per day plus it could create added traffic through Sun City West, Grand and Sun City. She said recently BNSF discussed some sort of contribution to the expanded roadways through a Memo of Understanding. The next vote is scheduled for November 5. Lesko stated as of today her vote would be no but will see what further agreements are reached by then.

Update from Lesko on other issues:

Justin Heap Recorder and Election Department division of workload. Heap had agreed with resolution by being 95% there and then backed away from the deal. They need to resolve this as it is costing time and money for both departments.

The Federal control of the Sheriff Department must end. Very costly and has gone on too long.

She reminded all to support our Republican candidates.

Bob Randle reminded all to plan to attend the Candidate Forum on September 27. Andy Biggs and Paul Gosar will be there as well as Alex Kolodin and Randy Glassman and other speakers. This will be held at Palm Ridge Summit Hall in Sun City West 2:15- 5:00 pm. Doors will open at 1:30 pm. Please invite your friends to attend this information event. President Randle made a motion to approve \$500 to place ads in the Independent to promote this event. A vote by hand was done and the motion was approved.

Linda Barnes reported that the program for October 4 will be Ralph Heap and David Marshall who are running for the Corporation Commission. The Sun City West Fire Chief will also speak.

Jan Shank, Vice President of Sun City Grand Republican Club noted an event by the League of Women Voters is scheduled September 10 at 6 pm at the SCW Foundation Building. She invited all to attend and hear Karrin Taylor Robson and Debbie Lesko at their monthly meeting speakers on September 20.

The 50/50 winners were drawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary

