

LD 28 District Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
Madison School Board Room

7:10 pm

This meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Chairman Tom Haney as requested by Chairman Vernon Parker. Executive Board members present were 2nd Vice Chair Walter Dudley, Corresponding Secretary Lynn Hopkins, and Recording Secretary Lori Galvin

Not present were Chairman Vernon Parker and Treasurer Frank Rivera.

Invocation: Anna Brennan

Pledge: Darren Westchak

Mr. Haney announced Chairman Vernon Parker no longer resides in LD 28, therefore a new Chairman will be elected. A special election will be held and will be announced in accordance with the By-Laws.

Guest speaker- U. S. Marshall David Gonzales

Mr. Gonzales spoke of his appointment to the office by President George Bush, and being retained by President Obama. The US Marshall's office was created in 1789.

He began his career as a Deputy Patrol Officer at 19 years old in Coconino County.

The main functions of the Marshall's office are the Witness Protection program, protecting Federal Judges and pursuing and arresting fugitives worldwide.

There are over 160 Deputy US Marshall's in Phoenix, Tucson, and Yuma.

There is a private prison in Florence that costs \$10 million yearly to operate, to which he provides funding.

Mr. Gonzales spoke for 40 minutes. Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.

Rep. Kate Brophy McGee and Sen Adam Driggs gave a Legislative update.

Rep. McGee stated her desire to resolve the Education funding issue. She also advised PC's of the upcoming competition by the Democrat's for the LD 28 seats. Kelli Butler (D) has been recruited to run for State Representative.

Sen. Driggs stated Dr. Eric Myer (D) is his opponent for State Senate.

He commented the plans for Education funding proposed by Gov. Ducey and Treasurer DeWitt both have important points.

Candidates appearing for State Rep. for LD28:

Rep. Kate Brophy McGee

Mary Hamway

Ken Bowers

Matt Morales

All candidates gave brief introductions to their campaigns and had petitions available. Two will be elected.

Jini Simpson of the Paradise Republican Women's Club made an announcement regarding an upcoming event. She is hosting a discussion with two of the Marines that participated in the Benghazi attack. The movie "13 Hours in Benghazi: The Inside Account of What Really Happened" will be released in Jan 2016. Flyers were available after the meeting.

Vice Chair Haney gave the Treasurer's report and called for ideas for future spending of funds.

Bank balance as of 10/13/2015 is \$1437.00

Vice Chair Walter Dudley sold LD28 pins throughout the meeting for \$28.

Mr. Haney also noted he participated in a panel of 20 appointed members of the EGC, who met since March, to revise and update the County Republican By-Laws. Important changes were made including:

1- Charging a fee for a removal petition to discharge a Chairman.

Article II, Sec 4, paragraph D

Would require the PC's petitioning for a special meeting to agree to pay the costs of the meeting and provide an advance deposit of \$5 per PC signing the removal petition."

Leftover funds go to the District.

2-Manner of voting at County Meetings

Article IV, Sec 2, paragraph C

New section

Subsection Paragraph 2

After registration at the meeting, the registrant votes the number shown in the voting credential ( 1 per member, 1 for each proxy)

New language: Voting credentials cannot be passed from one member to another.

3-Eliminate suspending a member's right to vote in party meetings for publicly supporting an opposing party candidate  
p. 3, duties of a PC, include a duty of loyalty to the Republican Party

Article VI, Sec 5, Subsection B

Text to be deleted:

\*No member shall endorse a non-Republican candidate in any election that has a Republican candidate on the ballot.

Should a member endorse a non-Republican, the member loses his voting privileges, including proxies, for the remaining term of his PC e.g. Fred DuVal newspaper ad, Sept 2014

The above wording is divisive, contrary to State Statute, another form of ballot harvesting and has been selectively enforced, or not at all.

These changes will be voted upon at the County Republican Meeting in January.

42 PC's and 9 guests were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned 8:35pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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