

ARIZONA REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2016

7:00 p.m. Call to Order by Chairman Tom Haney

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - led by Sparky Smith, Paradise Park Precinct.

Welcome and Opening Remarks. Chairman Tom Haney announced the pending Maricopa County Republican Committee social event scheduled for October at the downtown Phoenix Sheraton Hotel. Also, the elections department is seeking ballot counters for the day after the August 30 election. Volunteers are paid and contact info was provided. Lastly, a raffle was conducted at the end of the meeting, with tickets being sold on a sliding scale.

The District Legislative Candidates assembled in the front of the room, and spoke for several minutes each with a final plea for votes to the assembled PC's, early voting being underway. Those speaking were Senate, Kate McGee; House of Representatives, Ken Bowers, Alberto Gutier III, Mary Hamway, and Maria Syms. Matt Morales was absent.

County Recorder Helen Purcell spoke regarding enforcement of the new legislative act prohibiting "ballot harvesting," indicating enforcement must be primarily conducted by law enforcement officials as violations are a criminal act. She asked for our support for her re-election in this primary election. She has successfully handled the office, which includes conducting the county elections, for many years. Helen resides in Wilder Precinct.

Kate McGee and Heather Carter (legislative district 15) spoke in support of re-electing Don Covey as Superintendent of Maricopa County Schools. Others running are Jana Jackson and Steve Watson, both of whom have previously appeared at our meetings.

The recent Presidential Convention was reviewed by both Linda Brinkman, a member-at-large of the MCRC, and Kathy Petsas of Doubletree Precinct. Their remarks as to the conduct of the Rules Committee and convention events were historical. Kathy brought back many souvenirs to be awarded in the raffle.

The Central Arizona Project Water Board candidates, to be elected in November, delivered information as to the importance of the project. Michael Francis, of Wilder Precinct, and incumbent Mark Lewis (District 23), spoke seeking election to the Board.

Sparky Smith outlined the activities of the Phoenix City Committee formed by the MCRC as an ad hoc committee to elect Republicans to the City Council as well as Mayor. Currently, Council District 3, which includes the northern areas of District 28, will be electing a replacement for Bill Gates, who resigned to run for the County Board of Supervisors.

Dan Carroll was not on our agenda but appeared seeking an opportunity to speak on behalf of electing himself to the District 3 council seat vacated by Bill Gates. He stated he is a registered Independent.

Andrew Hettinger, an attorney running for Justice of the Peace in Moon Valley Justice Precinct, attended the meeting, so he was asked to speak briefly.

John Agra, running for Congress in the primary, also appeared at the meeting distributing campaign literature. He was also asked to speak briefly, though he appeared before the District earlier this year.

The raffle was conducted by Kathy Petsas, the donor of the prizes, and we thank her for raising two hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$274) for the District 28 treasury. Kathy mentioned there would be another raffle at the September meeting.

8:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned and members and candidates for office remained for refreshments donated by 2d Vice Chairman Walter Dudley.

Precinct Committeemen Attending: 44

Guests Attending: 11

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori Galvin

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Recording Secretary