



Arizona Legislative District 19 Republican Committee
Monthly Meeting August 10, 2024
210 W Continental Road, Green Valley, AZ 85614

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The meeting was called to order at 10:03.

Officers present: Chairman Caswell, 2nd Vice Chair Keith Alexander,
3rd Vice Chair Suzanne Jenkins, 4th Vice Chair Ron Brooks,
Secretary Francie LaMarche, Treasurer Darrel Hochstettler,
Sgt of Arms Kevin Caswell & Bobby Wilson, ALERT Chair Matthew Levitt

Pledge of Allegiance: Kevin Caswell

Invocation: Rep. Lupe Diaz

Explained points of privilege in a meeting – temperature, lights, volume

Reviewed Credentialed report: Total 460

Cochise = 6

Pima = 34 + 4 proxies = 38

Graham = 1

Greenlee = 0

Santa Cruz = 1

Total = 46 with approved proxies

There were 5 proxies, 3 from Cochise and 2 from Pima that were not correctly filled out.

Eileen Wilson spoke to the need to follow state rules on the proxies and how these were not correct, not egregious but not to standard. Tony Alix made a motion to accept the 5 proxies today, 2nd by Matthew Levitt. Opportunity to speak for and against was given then standing vote. Chair abstained. Against prevailed.

In the future there will be no corrections allowed on the proxy and they must be properly filled out. If need be, start over with a new form. It is the PC proxy issuer to complete the form in front of the notary or witnesses.

Agenda was amended without opposition.

Ron Brooks moved to accept minutes as written. Unanimously passed.

Sergei Tarter, Pima 109, was introduced as a pending new PC. Riley Rasmussen, Pima 229, was sworn in as a new PC.

Our Legislators gave their updates: Senator Gowan called for us to help maintain the republican majority in the Senate and support/help Shawna Bolick & Karen Warner from Maricopa

Rep. Gail Griffin gave a convention update, news from Safford area and requested we consider a resolution in support of Israel similar to that of Cochise County.

Rep. Lupe Diaz spoke to the misinformation regarding ESAs, challenges of the urban/rural divide in some bills being brought forward, and the importance to vote R down the whole ballot. Rep. Diaz also spoke to a bill about land being sold to foreign enemy nations/states.

All three spoke of the up coming challenges and the need for unity. There is much work to be done regarding The Get Out to Vote and voting the whole ballot.

Chairman Caswell Report: The work we've been doing in the community is working – LD19 Pima was 5-6% ahead of the other LDs in Pima were ahead on early ballot returns. Congratulations to all the primary winners. LD 19 PCs that were elected will receive their oath of office in the October meeting as their term starts October 1st. There was a vote in Pima Precinct 84 and the five LD19 supporting PCs in that precinct were not elected, however we will be getting them forms for associate/appointed. Of the elected in Precinct 84 only one was in the meeting and an invitation was extended to those not in attendance to join us in unity and participate.

Bylaws committee will be meeting on 8/12, the intention is to bring updates/changes forward in September with a vote at the October meeting.

Next LD 19 Ex Com meeting will be 8/27 at Caswell residence.

Next virtual Town Hall is August 19 and will be further discussing ballot measures. The September Town Hall is September 16. Please share this with other voters and join us.

General election dates: Last day to register Oct 7; Early vote begins Oct 9; Election Day Nov. 5th. PCs need to get to work in the days left, there are many ways available to participate.

The ballot measures have now all been assigned numbers, sheets were provided with numbers and titles. Our web site has links to the measures. Educate your self and do your homework! Brief statements were made on each.

Senator Gowan spoke briefly in support of Proposition 137 as regard to the Supreme Court; current judges will be grandfathered in. Soros money is coming in to influence judge's races, this is to support Supreme Court judges. Proposition 212 has been withdrawn over petition problems.

Chairman explained how we came to decision/vote on the statutory November meeting date and location, along with the cancelling of the December meeting, in the April Ex Com meeting. ARS 16-823 sec. 3 was reviewed on the election requirements. Vail school district has approved a couple locations for the November meeting.

A letter/petition from Ron Brooks was read that he presented to Chairman today.

Mr. Brooks had read the letter and gathered signatures at the Cochise meeting on 8/5 urging Chairman Caswell to reconsider the already voted on decision to hold the meeting in Pima County and have a vote. Discussion was held about the issue for and against. Motion was made to keep the location in Pima County and 2nd.

Standing vote was done, majority was for and 4 against.

Suzanne Jenkins gave the 3rd Vice Chair report.

Ron Brooks read his written report on his work. (attached). September will be a very busy month. Sign ups sheets are out for events within the LD. Hope to have a special breakfast for the September 14th meeting.

Secretary Francie LaMarche reported on the mail service search, there will be a cost to us once we find on. Under consideration are Active Campaign, Mail Chimp and Mailer Lite. Getting a domain name email address to facilitate can be done through Wix at \$6.00 per month. Also working on updates in the Contacts, there are 128 emails without names.

Nancy Corsi made a motion and 2nd by Bette Thompson to afford a \$15. Budget for new mailer system. Passed unanimously.

Darrel Hochstettler gave his treasury report: \$3117.67 at the end of July. 50/50 raffle received \$116, draw by Sergei Tarter – winner Alex Cardieri. Alex generously donated it back to the LD. Darrel shared some of his experience on Chasing the Vote.

Chair asked for a motion to support the expense of \$34.85 for a 2 year renewal of our domain name and web site. So moved by Iris Sapovits and 2nd by Nancy Corsi. Motion passed unanimously.

Eileen Wilson (2nd Vice Chair) gave the Pima County Republicans report. Thursday 8/15 will by Thirsty Thursday at Wilbur Grill, LD 19 will be acknowledged for a 58.95% return rate the best in the county. Precinct 205 had a return rate of 73%! Pima Chairman Dave Smith is calling for unity/ join the team meaning you'll support all Republicans on the ballot, regardless of who you supported in the primary. September 7th there will be a car rally and have invited candidates to attend. September 25 there will be a Ballot Measure discussion on the propositions at the Green Valley Conference room.

No Cochise County Republican committee present. Ron Brooks spoke briefly saying he attended the 8/5 meeting and they are just getting reorganized after 3 years of turmoil and are finally unified.

Santa Cruz County report: Suzanne Jenkins briefly spoke to the embezzlement issue that has recently been in the news. Santa Cruz fair will no longer have horse racing.

In new business Chairman Caswell talked about having a table at the United Republicans Ronald Regan Western Candidate Round-Up on September 28th in Amado with a cost of \$150. Eileen Wilson announced that the United Republicans group will reduce the table price to \$75. Tony Alix has offered to donate the money to support the table. There was no opposition to having the table.

PC announcements:

Cindy Walton Sparks for AZ Pro Life – Prayer Vigil on August 21st at Evangelical Free Church, 1393 W. Mission Twin Buttes Rd.

Sharon Fickes, Pima BOS... urging folks to vote entire ballot.... We need to get Republicans on the board! Dist 1 Steve Spain, Dist 2 John Backer, Dist 3 JL Wittenbraker and Dist 4 Steve Christy

Peggy Gibson, Constitution Day on Sept 14 at Acacia Elementary School. Congressman Andy Biggs will be speaking.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.

Submitted by Francie LaMarche August 14, 2024

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