



Arizona Legislative District 19 Republican Committee
Monthly Meeting July 13, 2024
1050 S Post Road, Benson, AZ 85602

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Officer's present: Chair Cheryl Caswell; 1st Vice Chair Debbie Ludden; 3rd Vice Chair Suzanne Jenkins; 4th Vice Chair Ron Brooks; Secretary Francie LaMarche; Treasurer Darrel Hochstettler; Sgt at Arms Kevin Caswell & Bobby Wilson; Youth Director Lainey Caswell

Absent: 2nd Vice Chair Keith Alexander (due to wildfires in Graham Co) and Matthew Levitt

Invocation by: Angie Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance by: Sgt at Arms

Chair Caswell introduced the parliamentarian for the meeting: Dan Grimm and offered a welcome to guests and political candidates.

Prayer request for safety & healing for traveling national delegates and injured and ill members- Suzanne Jenkins and Lupe Diaz.

Chairman Caswell urged attending PCs to make an effort to move voters to vote as this is a critical election. Do not just stay in echo chambers but try to reach everyone and our web page has many resources. What can you do to help... postcards, phone calls, letters to editors, door knocking, put up signs....be creative. Get out in the precincts and create relationships with your voters so that they will be informed voters and get them out to the polls. EVERYONE needs to work during this election cycle.

Credentials:

Cochise - 34 in person, 15 proxies = 49

Pima - 38 in person, 15 proxies = 53

Graham - 0

Greenlee - 0

Santa Cruz - 1

Total 103, PC count for the LD =460

(Note Suzanne Jenkins arrived after credentials closed, declined to have them reopened)

Katy Miller moved to accept the meeting agenda, 2nd by Anastasia Tsatsakis. Passed unanimously.

Meeting will be ending time certain at 11:30 for Richard Stopiello training.

Chair Caswell called for corrections or amendments to the June minutes. There were none so the minutes were approved as submitted.

Jack Dona introduced as a new Cochise PC and received his appointment certificate for LD19 and welcome packet. Jack is the videographer for today's meeting.

Pima Sheriff Candidate Bill Phillips addressed the group and presented his qualifications and experience.

Senator Gowan and Rep. Griffin gave their post session updates. Rep. Diaz was absent due to illness. Rep. Griffin brought many handouts and requested they be scanned and added to the web page – ballot proposition list, legislative report, RNC platform (long & short), her committee bill list and legislative voting record from CAP action.

Treasurer Darrel Hochstettler gave his report. Secretary of State has dismissed the complaint against the LD. Balance \$3785.22 as of 6/30/24 with petty cash. 50/50 raffle brought in \$126. Mr. Grimm drew the lucky winner of \$63, Francie LaMarche won and donated the amount back to the LD. Again encouraging folks to look at web page seethemoney.az.gov.

1st Vice Chair Debbie Ludden gave a report on her activities – 4th of July parade, ballot chasing, bylaw committee activity, next meeting July 16. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising please email your suggestion.

2nd Vice Chair Keith Alexander sent a request for prayers for the firefighters and victims of the wild fires in Graham and Cochise counties. 13 homes have been lost in their fire.

3rd Vice Chair Suzanne Jenkins advised they are the smallest county in the State. She has been made aware that is a loss 1/3 of the voters in the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia areas so that will be a project to figure out after the election.

4th Vice Chair Ron Brooks reported on his activities – working on speakers for the meetings, very good turn out at the 4th of July and registered some new voters, got the Wi-Fi equipment updated at the Church so that computers can remotely connect to the projectors (working well today!) and will be working on setting up a breakfast at the September meeting in Benson.

Secretary Francie LaMarche reported on her activities – reading Roberts Rules, especially as relates to credentialing; brought the credentials list up to day; still working on finding a new email program for us to use and will be submitting language to bylaws for credentialing procedure.

Reminder of the online Town Hall on 7/22/24, the topic will be the upcoming ballot measures. Please join and share with voters in your precincts.

Pima Republicans are in the process of reviewing their bylaws for the statutory meeting.

Pima PCs if you have language you want to submit it needs to be turned in by 7/20/24.

The LD19 web page is a work in progress. Chair Caswell gave an overview of the web page demonstrating what info that can be found there. Thank you to Tasi for making as a good framework to work in.

The ExCom has been preparing for our statutory meeting. It will be moved to November 16, 2024 to comply with the ARS. We are researching the venue location at this time, it will be located along the county line between Pima and Cochise counties off I10 so that is easy access for all communities. The Pima county group will caucus after that meeting to elect state committeemen.

Chairman Caswell reports we need to make this election "TOO BIG TO RIG". Due to the importance of our state in this election, many groups are ballot chasing all over so there will be others working your precincts. Pima County Republican 1st Vice Chair Tara has issued a challenge/contest to all the LDs in Pima county – who can get the most Republicans to the poll. We need to work hard to win that. Pima County has sent out sample ballots in the mail with the WRONG date in the information. Please make sure the voters in your precincts are aware of the correct date July 30, 2024.

Lainey Caswell called for the adjournment at 11:38.

Reminder to submit events or announcements for the next meeting by email to the Chairman or secretary so they may be put on the agenda.

Submitted by Francie LaMarche on July 23, 2024

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