

SUN LAKES REPUBLICAN CLUB MINUTES

WHEN: January 10,2024

WHERE: Sun Lakes Country Club Navajo Room

WHO: approximately 180 guests

AGENDA

1. Chairman Michael Tennant greeted the guests.
2. Diane Ortiz-Parsons gave the Invocation.
3. Chairman Michael Tennant led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Carolyn McCorkle introduced the speakers.
5. The first speaker was Charlotte Golla. She discussed the "antisemitism" she observed at a recent CUSD school board meeting. She also read her remarks she prepared for that meeting pointing out that the actions of the board president were inappropriate because she showed obvious favoritism for the Palestinians over the Jews in Gaza. She said the school board needs to remain neutral in issues of a political nature. She encouraged people to come to the meetings because conservatives in the audience are always outnumbered.
6. The second speaker was Chandler School Board Member Kurt Rohrs. He commented on the recent problems in the

Gilbert School District involving a gang who calls themselves the "Gilbert Goons". This "gang" is suspected of several gang style beatings of underage students and possible is the gang who killed a student during one of those "beat downs" of a student last year. The earliest of these incidents happened last year but several arrests were finally made this week . The police implied there will be more arrests pending. The MO of this "gang" is to contact their members by social media for an impromptu meeting and then "jump" some unsuspecting young person and beat them up. Sometimes these beatings are as many as 10 members to the one victim. Usually they record the beatings and post them on social media. The sheriff of Pinal County, Sheriff Mark Lamb, was responsible for the arrest of one of the adult perpetrators. Mr. Rohrs pointed out that although this is taking place in Gilbert they are still part of the CUSD. He will keep us informed as things progress.

7. The next speaker was Rene Lopez. He is running for AZ Corporation Commission. He explained what the AZCC does. Two of the things are: overseeing rates for water and power for private utilities and power lines. He had a table set up to collect signatures and \$5 clean elections donations. If you are on Facebook you can see his site here: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteforLopez/>

8. The next speakers were from the Arizona Conservative Policy Alliance Team. The team is made up of Mary Fritsche and Diane Ortiz-Parsons, and also Training Specialist CJ

Parsons. They talked about how we can win more elections by simply being aware of and following directions on the ballots. It is important that your vote counts. Do not waste your vote by voting for some nonentity (like writing in "Mickey Mouse" as a candidate) , vote for a Republican.

They posted to statistics which proved Republicans could have won several races in past elections had they voted responsibly. They also explained how the "signature verification " process works. They highly urge Republicans to vote EARLY by mail and NOT to wait until the day of the election.

9. Our last speaker was the "Keynote Speaker" Sheriff Mark Lamb. He is running for the open seat for the US Senate. He is running as a "Rule of Law" candidate who "believes in God, Country and the Family". He says the undermining of the rule of law that is taking place by the left and by judges who are trying to legislate from the bench will be the downfall of our country. He quoted the preamble of the US Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, **establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility**, provide for the Common Defense, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." He pointed out that the Founders saw the importance of the rule of law when they made establishing justice first on the list as necessary for "domestic tranquility". You can find Sheriff Lamb at this link: <https://sherifflambforsenate.com/>

10. The winner of the 50/50 raffle won \$50 this evening.

11. There were several people collecting signatures for themselves or candidates they are helping to get on the ballot. Be sure to attend our meetings so you can hear what the candidates believe and see if they are someone you want to support.

12. If you want to sign petitions on line you may do so here:

<https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

The site will show you how many people's petitions you can sign and you won't be able to sign more than the allotted number allowed. Some people like signing petitions this way because they forget if they already signed someone's petition before. When signatures are checked, people whose names come up more than once on paper petitions are scrutinized and the earliest signature is counted if it passes scrutiny, the others are disqualified.

Here are some simple steps how to proceed on on line signing:

1. Go to <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/> Choose "sign a petition" or "contribute \$5 "
2. Complete the "Voter Authentication " form. You need your driver's license **or** your voter's card and social security number to complete this form.
3. It will ask you to confirm your address.
4. You will see a page listing those whose petitions you are qualified to sign.

5. For each candidate you sign, you will have to give your email address. You can choose to let the candidate have your address, or not, that is up to you.

6. It will ask you to confirm your choice.

7. Then you will be shown a link to go back to the list and pick more petitions to sign.

8. Log off once you have signed as many petitions as you wanted or you can start over and contribute to candidates who need \$5 donations for "Clean Elections".

13. The next meeting of SLRC is Wednesday, February 14, 2024. We are meeting at the same venue , at 6:30PM. Details TBA.