

PARADISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 9,2016

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Lawrence. The Invocations was given by Americanism Chairman Janet Hiatt who then led us in the Pledge.

Treasurer's Report: Barb McMullen reported that the club has \$8743.58 in our checking, savings and petty cash accounts.

Membership: Anna Morrison urged all members to bring a friend to the next meeting so we can increase our membership.

Judy introduced our first speaker, State Representative Anthony Kern. .Mr. Kern explained the merits of upcoming Proposition 123. The Proposition increases the percentage of interest from the Trust Lands Trust Fund that goes to education. This would increase funding to education by three billion dollars over the next ten years. This will eliminate the "inflation clause" which could bankrupt the state.

Judy then introduced Deputy Treasurer Mark Swenson who was standing in for Treasurer Jeff DeWitt who was out of town and couldn't make the meeting. Mr. Swenson gave background about the Trust Lands. The Trust lands were given to Arizona in 1912 upon statehood. Proceeds from any land sales go into an endowment to fund public education. Proposition 123 negates several ballot measures already voted on by the citizens of Arizona including the "inflation clause" that protects the fund. Prop 123 will increase property taxes and will eat into the principle of the endowment. Mr. Swenson urged everyone to vote "No" on the proposition. It will lead to endless litigation in the courts

During lunch, candidates spoke briefly – Guy Phillips- running for reelection to Scottsdale City Council. Aaron Flannerty – running for Maricopa County Recorder, Dr. Jana Jackson – running for Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Kern and Jay Lawrence – running for reelection to the Legislature and Dr. Vicki Alger – running for Maricopa County Community College Board.

Evelyn Nightingale and Billie Kovack won the April Birthday baskets.

Leona Johnston won the Queen of Hearts raffle and turned over the King of Hearts – she won \$10.

Caring for America: Chairmen Anthea Dyer displayed the basket sand "diaper cakes" (made by Linda Weinberger) for the baby shower at UMOM. The shower will be held on June 24th from 2-4 at the UMOM campus. All members are invited to attend and tour the campus.

Diana Marsh, our new 3rd VP (Ways & Means) asked members for ideas for fundraisers. She will continue as Corresponding Secretary until a replacement is found.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Zraket, Recording Secretary