

PARADISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

October 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Urban at 11:00. The invocation was given by Lori and we were led in the Pledge by Americanism Chairman, Judy Lawrence.

Lori welcomed two new members in the room – Gayle Smilack and Laine Byrum.

The Treasurer's report was given by Barb McMullen. The club has \$8,443.10 in our Checking, Savings and Petty Cash accounts.

The club has 109 Active members. 2016 Membership forms are available at the check-in desk and on the website..

Leona Johnston talked about the NFRW and the AzFRW conventions that were held in September. The club won several awards on the state and national levels. The NFRW convention was a huge success. Leona then introduced our speaker, Mark Spencer of Judicial Watch. Mr. Spencer discussed many of the issues that Judicial Watch is involved in on the state and national levels – such as Benghazi, Fast and Furious, several IRS matters and many more. Questions and answers followed his talk.

Anna Morrison, Chairman of the Benghazi Event, urged members to buy tickets and spread the word to friends who might be interested. Mark Geist and John Tiegen, survivors of the Benghazi attack and authors of the best seller, 13 Hours in Benghazi will be the speakers at the event. They will speak at 7PM on Monday, November 16 in the Gainey ballroom – tickets are \$40/two for \$75. A special VIP reception will be held at 6PM – tickets are \$150. VIP ticket holders will be able to meet and talk to Mr. Geist and Mr. Tiegen, receive a signed copy of the book and enjoy beverages and hors d'ouvres on the north patio. Seating is limited to 300 – Tickets are available at [prwbenghazi.eventbrit.com](http://prwbenghazi.eventbrit.com).

Lori then recognized Jini Simpson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Jini announced the slate of officers for 2016. President – Judy Lawrence, 1<sup>st</sup> VP (programs) – Ashley Fritz,, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (membership) – Anna Morrison, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Ways & Means -?), Recording Secretary – Carol Zraket, Corresponding Secretary – Diana Marsh and Treasurer – Barb McMullen.

During lunch several candidates spoke – Roberta Meluskey, wife of candidate Alex Meluskey who is running for US Senate, campaign staff for John McCain and Kelli Ward –also running for US Senate.. Lynne Breyer urged Scottsdale voters to note “no” on the upcoming bond election on November 3. Jay Lawrence, District 23 State Representative spoke about the upcoming Legislative session and a bill to defund four Arizona sanctuary cities.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Zraket, Recording Secretary