

PARADISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11AM by President Judy Lawrence. The Invocation was given by Janet Hiatt, who then led us in the Pledge.

Linda Weinberger thanked everyone who worked so hard on this election.

Lori Urban, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the 2017 slate of Officers: President – Judy Lawrence, 1st VP (Programs) – Diana Marsh, 2nd VP (Membership) – Elizabeth Brantley, Treasurer – Ardith Hildebrant, Recording Secretary – Cynthia Love, Corresponding Secretary – Dee Lee. AS there were no nominations from the floor, the 2017 Slate was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

President Judy Lawrence introduced the speaker, Jamie Fawbush. Mr. Fawbush, a 20 year veteran of the Armed Services, served several tours of duty in Iraq and worked in Cuba as a media liaison for Guantanamo. He now works with a volunteer group – Military Assistance Mission – which was started by a Gold Star mother. The group helps veterans and their families over the hard times with rent, auto repairs, food and educational grants. Maricopa County has 600,000 veterans – 2nd only to LA County in the nation.

Mr. Fawbush introduced JoAnna Sweatt, a Marine Corp veteran. Ms. Sweatt has created the “Veteran Directory” which is a catalogue of veteran services. It is available to veterans and their families on-line. She works with all the services and programs that are available to help veterans.

Anthea Dyer spoke about UMOM, which has been supported by the club for many years. UMOM helps veterans and their families with housing and job training.

Leona Johnston reported that President Elect Trump thanked Carrie Almond, President of the NFRW for all the hard work Republican women did during the election season. He said he would not forget our contribution.

Barb McMullen gave the Treasurer's Report. The club has \$7759.94 in our checking, savings and petty cash accounts.

Judy announced a change for 2017 – the meetings will begin one hour earlier at 10 AM, “Brunch” will be served at 11:AM. This is an effort to keep the ever increasing costs down. The cost of “Brunch” will be \$28. We will continue to meet at Gainey Golf Club.

Ronnie Kiefer won the “Birthday” prize. New member, Valerie Teich won the “Queen of Hearts” raffle, but did not turn over the Queen. The pot is growing!

Respectfully submitted by Carol Zraket, Recording Secretary