

April 25TH, 2023 MEETING MINUTES OF YUMA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

YUMA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

2404 E 24TH STREET, YUMA, AZ 85364

CHAIRMAN WILKINSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6 PM.

WE HAD A PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DIGNITARIES PRESENT: MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE DARCY WEEDE, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE NATHANIEL SORENSON, COUNCILMEMBER GARY KNIGHT, MICHELLE ALTHERR FROM GOODYEAR, SUSAN CHATHAM FROM BUCKEYE. NEW VISITORS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE GROUP AS WELL AS RECOGNITION OF SOME RETURNING VISITORS.

PCS PRESENT = 35 GUESTS PRESENT = 14

CHAIRMAN REPORTED WE ARE UP IN REGISTRATIONS AGAIN HELPING TO TURN AND KEEP YUMA COUNTY RED. WE GAINED 120 AND THE DEMS LOST 77 MAKING YUMA COUNTY RED BY 2,451 VOTES.

WE ARE LASER FOCUSED ON 2024. TO DO THAT WE MUST WORK TOGETHER; MOVE AWAY FROM THE PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS AND PUT THEIR ISSUES IN OUR REARVIEW MIRROR. WE CAN'T WASTE OUR TIME ON CONTROVERSY!

WE DID REALLY WELL AT THE YUMA COUNTY FAIR BOOTH. AS YOU COULD SEE EVERYTHING WE DECORATED WITH AND HANDED OUT WAS POSITIVE. WE RECEIVED 17 NEW REGISTRATIONS. SECRETARY KNIGHT KNOWS OF AT LEAST ONE THAT WAS A CHANGE FROM DEMOCRAT TO REPUBLICAN. HE HAS NOW APPLIED TO BE A PC FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE REST OF OUR TIME WENT TO REPRESENTATIVE DUNN AND REPRESENTATIVE CARBONE. MICHAEL STARTED OUT BY SAYING HOW MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THE JOB IS AND HOW GRATEFUL HE IS TO TIM AND REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR FOR MENTORING HIM. HE ASKS HIMSELF WHAT IS THE "LAW OF GOD AND WHAT IS THE LAW OF THE LAND" WHEN MAKING DECISIONS. HE LOVES YUMA BECAUSE IT SHOWS OUR UNITY. THE TROLLEY IS A SYMBOL OF THAT UNITY.

TIM DUNN COMPLEMENTED MICHAEL ON HIS WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE HOME FOOD ISSUE WHICH PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY BY BOTH SIDES JUST TO BE VETOED BY HOBBS. WHEN THE DEMS WERE ASKED TO JOIN IN TO OVERRIDE THE VETO, THEY BACKED OUT UNDER PRESSURE. REPRESENTATIVE DUNN ALSO SPOKE ABOUT FOREIGN COMPANIES THAT ARE INTERESTED IN BRINGING COMMERCE TO ARIZONA AND WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN TO ARIZONA.

GREG MET WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD, OUTGOING AND INCOMING, TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF BOYS COMPETING AGAINST GIRLS. ACCORDING TO AIA RULES REQUIRE THAT YOU COMPETE BY YOUR SEX AT BIRTH. IT'S NOT AN EASY OR QUICK PROCESS AND NO ONE HAS STARTED THE PROCESS. THERE ARE VERY FEW HS STUDENTS (3) OUT OF 1100 STUDENTS, THAT ARE TRANS. HE THEN INTRODUCED LENA WHO IS A STAUNCH DEMOCRAT. HE SAID THAT IT'S GOOD TO TALK TO DEMOCRATS BECAUSE MANY OF THEM ARE AS FED UP AS WE ARE. LISTENING TO THEM AND HEARING THEIR STORIES SOMETIMES CONVINCES THEM TO COME OVER TO THE REPUBLICAN SIDE.

QUESTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FLOOR WERE TAKEN AND ANSWERED BY BOTH WHO THANKED US FOR BEING HERE. THEIR OFFICES AND PHONES ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO US. TIM SAID THAT BEING HERE AS PCs OR NOT IS THE GRASSROOTS OF THE PARTY. THEY ALSO NEED TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR TO GET THE ILLEGALS OUT OF YUMA.

ALL OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING SO THAT THE TIME COULD BE GIVEN TO REPRESENTATIVES CARBONE AND DUNN.

CHAIRMAN WILKINSON: NEXT MEETING IS MAY 23RD. 2023 WITH JEFF DEWITT. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BONNIE KNIGHT

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