

MINUTES of LD21 JANUARY 12, 2011 MEETING REVISED

Held at Chandler Boys and Girls Club, 300 E. Chandler Blvd, 6:30, 7:00pm

In attendance at 6:30 – 23; In attendance at 7:15 - 68

Rene Lopez conducted the PC Training at 6:30 with a screen presentation of the PC tool box materials. Chairman Paul Brierley called the general meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all.

A moment of silence was held in respect for the tragic Giffords shooting, in Tucson, Jan 8th, six dead.

Invocation - Marty Kirkoff

Pledge – Mark Nilson

Nine first time attendees, new precinct chairmen were welcomed and introduced themselves,

OFFICERS INTRODUCED AND REPORTED

1. Chairman Paul – Recognized outgoing officers: Jerry Brooks, Marsha Atkins, Marcella Peters.
 - He asked for suggestions for a less expensive meeting location, though he had gotten a reduction in the \$100 Boys and Girls Club fee.
 - Kirk Adams had invited Legislative District Chairs to spread the word to all about the need to communicate the reasons for the upcoming extremely touchy budget cuts, especially with the anticipated negative liberal left mainstream media portrayal of the reductions. All were asked to pass the word directly. Three websites to watch for updates are:
Azhouserepublican.com; Azsenaterepublican.com; Azgop.org
 - At the County Republican Convention 102 PC's/proxys out of 169 were present.
 - Leo Mahoney said: This was only 60% - not good enough. At the State Convention Jan. 22 we must have all 56 authorized, 100% elected committeemen, present – Critical votes taken.
 - A state awards dinner will be held Fri evening, Jan 21, to honor outstanding Az Republicans.
 - Karen Horne and Paul Brierley are worthy candidates for the At-Large Committeemen for CD six to be elected at the Saturday convention. Three will be totally elected.

2011 will be an organizing year - Need to take action NOW.

We need to fill PC slots. Redistricting of legislative districts will take place this year and a Ninth, new congressman will be elected from Az. It will be republican IF we get busy. The Redistricting Committee of five will ultimately be composed of two republicans, two democrats and led by an independent. LD21, one of the largest in the state, will change.

The former operations committee has been dissolved and in its place will be four subcommittees under each vice-chairman. Help them. Join a subcommittee.
2. First Vice-Chairman Rene – New speakers are going to be very interesting – suggestions?
3. Second Vice-Chairman Jeff – I need to recruit and authorize new precinct committeemen – showed his rolls and sign-in sheets. Asked for support .
4. Third vice-Chairman Bob – He will provide leadership for voter registration. We have 57000 Republicans, 36000 Democrats and 45,000 Independents in our LD21. Our goal is 10,000 more Registered Republicans this year.
5. Fourth Vice-Chairman Mark – I do what is still needed, so I need your help with fund raising especially and public relations. Goal to raise \$7,500 more this year.
6. Secretary Karen – Meetings, minutes and messages and helping. She talked to an absolute stranger in the Basha's check-out line, did register a new Repub voter and reminded of the need for transplants to Arizona, folks without an Az drivers license, to send in a copy of their birth certificate or current passport as proof of U.S. citizenship with the voter registration.

7. Treasurer Teri said she had \$3,631.69 in Chase Bank Account .

SPEAKER DR. JEFFERY SINGER – OBAMACARE

The #1 problem with health care is the rising costs in insurance and drugs, because there is no free market system in the health care since WWII when government, the 3rd party, began setting rates, under McCarron Ferguson Act. This act needs to be amended to allow people to purchase health insurance across state lines which then generates competition among carriers. It should also provide for a flat tax credit for good health; no need for health insurance if you, individually, are healthy. Mass plan not good that the Health Care Reform Law sets down.

The Obamacare , one of the largest tax increases in American history, has two dozen new or higher taxes that pay for Obama’s expansive government spending and new regulations between doctor and patient. Common sense says that adding thirty million new, non-paying people to government insurance entitlements will increase taxes for the paying citizens. So, to pay for that, MANDATES, new state and federal laws, are set up and you will be required to buy medical coverage that individually you don’t need. Obamacare expands the problems of health care and makes it worse with no concern for whose money is being spent. We are giving up fundamental control – the government owns us and determines what can and cannot be done forever.

Dr. Singer had many more specific facts we are unable to include in the minutes, but he recommended that we check these websites for more accurate information:

CATO.ORG; NCPA.Org; GALENINSTITUTE.ORG

LAWMAKERS REPORT

1. Steve Yarborough – Az Senator reported on four major tax reform laws he is sponsoring and on the public employee pension reduction proposal, all together sponsoring sixteen bills this year, partly due to being Chairman of Senate Finance Committee in a budget crunch year. He
2. J.D Mesnard – Freshman legislator – he is still deciding which laws to sponsor besides classroom construction priorities, third misdemeanor equals a felony, etc.
3. Tom Forese – ill

The 50-50 raffle tickets had \$102.00, so LD21 earned \$51.00, splitting with a PC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.