

## **Green Valley Democrats**

Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**George gaveled the meeting to order at 2.00 pm.**

### **Doug took the roll:**

Present through the online use of Zoom: George McGaughey, Lois Connell, Laura Callejon, Tom Hladky, Tatiana Hladky, Judith Holley, Judy Knape, Tom Lobb, Nelda Lobb (joined later), Henne Queisser, and Doug Syme

Arlynn Ostlund, and Sandie Stone were excused.

### **Minutes**

The revised minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lois**

Lois drew attention to her written report which was largely straightforward. She noted that a check in the amount of \$1,100 for the timeshare in Mexico arrived after the date of the report.

Doug proposed accepting the Treasurer's Report. Judith seconded the motion which carried without dissent.

### **Headquarters: Judy**

Judy reported that HQ is open five days a week for six hours a day and all is well.

She said the lockable display case is at HQ but the Mall has declined to install it. George is meeting at HQ tomorrow and they will determine how to install it.

"No More Deaths" will benefit from "We Care" in May. She will explore what items are needed.

George suggested Arivaca as a future recipient of "We Care".

Judy asked for ideas for salable Merchandise.

Judy agreed that the Blink Cameras are producing so many notifications that she, George, and Doug are inclined to ignore them. Judy and George will consider options as the contract will need to be renewed soon.

George confirmed to Lois that the cameras record movement inside HQ but recordings in front of HQ are not permitted.

George will circulate a list of due dates for petitions – particularly to Henne to publicize in the newsletter.

### **Fundraising: Tom & Tatiana H**

Tom said the Trunk Sale and Shredding event had been a disappointment with the gross income being \$309 before expenses. He hoped that using the experience from this year will lead to a tripling of income in future years. The timing this year a week after the Blue Wave Auction and being on Good Friday was unhelpful.

It was noted that the Shredding Contractor took the papers for shredding later – this was felt to be a potential security concern. Lois will get a name for a contractor who shreds on-site.

Henne said GV Council has a Shredding event coming up soon. Tom said timing of future events will be better researched.

Tatiana said that a Casino Afternoon event will be later in the year as it will take a lot to organize.

Tom said a Trivia Taco event in May is being explored. A Trivia Moderator quoted \$850. We need a lower cost to be able to hold a profitable event in Room 203 which holds about 60 people in table format.

Tom said they may need to revise their budget, given what they now believe is possible.

Tom asked that members be surveyed as to what event would be popular. Henne will create an electronic version of the questionnaire. Tom suggested sending it to everyone on our distribution list.

A Potluck event at CPAC for the week before Halloween is being planned.

Input for the website should be sent to Henne.

Laura and George will look for volunteers to help with projects.

Tatiana and Tom were thanked by all for their achievements.

### **Membership: Tom & Nelda L**

Tom said they have two new committee members.

Henne said 2023 members who have not yet rejoined in 2024 were emailed yesterday.

George emphasized that we need to send a welcome email to new members.

Lois thanked Tom and Nelda for their work, and George said he would look for more help.

### **Programs: George for Sandie**

Sandie sent in her report.

Saturday's event is on Arizona School Funding. Abbie Hlavacek of Save our Schools Arizona will speak.

The Attorney Debate at CPAC on April 27<sup>th</sup> (Laura Conover vs Mike Jette with Dan Shearer as moderator) is expected to attract a full audience – it is getting wide publicity. George said we need to develop a flyer for the event which publicizes GVD. He said Paul will tape the event as usual and Laura has asked to record it also. We should get lots of free publicity.

The Sheriffs' debate at CPAC is set for June 8<sup>th</sup> with Dylan Smith of the Sentinel to moderate.

Henne asked if there was an update re Simon Rosenberg – George said it will be discussed in Old Business.

### **Publicity: Henne**

Henne had nothing to add to her report except that Diane Archer was helping to automate adding new members into Constant Contact. She regretted that paper notifications were still being used. Merging the Excel Database with Constant Contact is underway – a single database is the goal.

George asked that a printed Newsletter be posted in HQ.

### **Voter Outreach: George for Arlynne**

Fiesta Sahuarita was a great success. Ten volunteers helped. Five pages of signatures for the Abortion Petition were gathered.

There will be House Parties the rest of the year.

As Nick Tellez has dropped out of the LD19 race for the AZ House we need to educate voters to vote for one candidate only.

### **At Large: Judith**

Judith suggested a fact sheet for HQ staff.

### **Volunteers: Laura**

Laura congratulated all who made the Blue Wave Auction such a success.

She said her old PC is not working well – Goerge said there is a computer at HQ that he hopes can be updated and given to Laura.

She said she had a new volunteer who has experience in Graphic Design and also a volunteer who was a reporter who might be useful to the Publicity Committee

Henne mentioned that Fred D'Angelo has finance background and might be a back-up for Lois.

A volunteer recognition event was suggested.

### **President's Report: George**

The Blue Wave Auction netted \$13,235 with \$1,100 still to be recorded.

The Moderators were not a success.

Kathy Davisson will send thank you notes to volunteers and donors of items.

Food costs were notably higher this year. Also, the 50:50 raffle ticket price was set at \$1 instead of \$2 which decreased the income.

Udall Dinner – May 11<sup>th</sup>: GVD has a table and 11 attendees. It is the major fundraiser for PCDP and they charge \$150 per ticket.

LD19 will have a postcard writing event in room 203 – date TBA.

A Biden-Harris Blast-off is being planned for late May in what was Maria's Restaurant.

George will send a Get-Well letter to Raul Grijalva.

George thanked Tom and Nelda for the gift of a multi-directional microphone.

George noted that he has a Grand Jury Duty Summons from 4/29 to 5/3 so he may be unavailable.

### **Old Business**

George raised the potential Simon Rosenberg event. He reminded us that the maximum income would be \$10,000 with expenses in the range of \$7,000.

Discussion followed with opinions ranging from willingness to risk a loss as Simon is an inspiring draw, to the reality that the window of opportunity has passed.

George will contact Simon to see what might be possible.

Another possibility is to hold a Zoom Event with candidates on October 5<sup>th</sup> with Simon invited to speak on Zoom.

George will contact DCQC to explore holding a joint event in QC.

George noted that we need a Nominations Committee – a Board Member and at least two other members. George asked Judith if she would be the Board Member. He will ask Bryan Lane and Phil Silvers if they might serve. Nominations are sought as at the end of 2024 the following rotate off the Board: President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP Publicity, and a Member at Large (in this case Judith). Also, backups are needed for the Treasurer and VP Publicity.

### **New Business:**

PC delegates from LD 19 to the National Convention need to be chosen. Six candidates may be chosen – three men and three women.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3.12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Syme*

Secretary