

Green Valley Democrats

Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 14th, 2024

George gaveled the meeting to order at 2.07 pm.

Doug took the roll:

Present through the online use of Zoom: George McGaughey, Lois Connell, Laura Callejon, Tom Hladky, Tatiana Hladky, Judy Knape, Tom Lobb, Arlynn Ostlund, Henne Queisser, and Doug Syme

Judith Holley joined the meeting at 2.18 pm. Nelda Lobb and Sandie Stone were excused.

Minutes

The revised minutes of the February 8th Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

The minutes of the February 10th Annual Financial meeting were noted and will be presented to the 2025 Annual Financial Meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Lois

Lois drew attention to her written report which she said had nothing to highlight.

She did note that there were two amounts that she could not explain in the February reconciliation - \$120 in cash and \$200 from the Credit Card account.

George suggested that the \$120 in cash had been collected at the door of the Chase Away the Winter Blues event (and thus increased the profit generated). Lois agreed.

George also believed that the \$200 was from tickets for the Blue Wave Auction. He will verify this. Lois thanked George.

Lois suggested sharing the bank statement to illustrate the problems she had encountered but neither George nor Henne had the document. George asked Lois to distribute the bank statement if she needed to talk about it. Lois said she would do so in April.

George noted that when they went to the Training for Treasurers it was learned that the President could no longer sign checks. A second signer is needed to allow Lois to go on vacation. Henne agreed to do this. Arlynn moved that the bank be notified that Henne will be added as an

approved check signer. Judy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Lois explained that this change is to avoid leaders of a PAC engaging in financial misbehavior.



Change bank account
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(George provided the attached to give to the Bank:)

Lois noted that the checks for janitorial services were cancelled on March 7th. She said she would coordinate future checks with Judy for the new company – Gonzalo Janitorial services. Judy clarified with Lois that two checks had cleared and that only one check had been canceled.

George stated that we would continue to use Gonzalo as a janitorial service and not an employee. Judy confirmed that his name is Gonzalo Salazar. Lois will have a check in his name in Judy's box before the end of each month.

Henne asked Lois if direct deposit from Act Blue was happening. Lois said she had an access problem and George said that Act Blue need to be called to correct this. Henne said she would help Lois with the login.

Tom Lobb asked Lois how much was raised at the Chase Away the Winter Blues event. Including the \$120 identified above, the net profit was \$953.92 after expenses of \$117.08.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Headquarters: Judy

Judy reported that starting on Monday March 18th HQ will be open five days a week. There will be two three hour shifts daily and new volunteers have been added. Judy asked for names of potential extra staff. George and Judy will carry out training on Monday.

As discussed above, Judy noted that our cleaner, Frank, had passed away. The new cleaner comes in with his wife twice a month.

We care will support Casa Alitas in April as they appear to have received a block grant to stay open. Henne asked about religious affiliations of shelters. Judy said that they all have religious affiliations.

Judy will bring three bags of donations to Casa Alitas on Tuesday.

Judy asked for approval to buy an enclosed bulletin board for about \$140. George added that the motion should include that the mall will install the box and the cost would not exceed \$150. Judith seconded the motion as reworded. Henne asked if this was approved by the mall. George confirmed it was and that they would not charge for installation. The motion passed unanimously.

George will ask the Mall to clean the vents.

Fundraising: Tom H

Tom apologized for not sending out a report.

He said that the results from the Chase Away the Winter Blues were gratifying and encourage hope that future events perform better than budgeted.

Tom said that they met with Stacey Hernandez and clarified all details re. the Trunk/Treasure Sale. Material left over from the Blue Wave Auction will be offered for sale. 16 parking spots are available. The Shredder will charge us \$3 per 8-1/2x11 banker's box and we will charge \$5 per box. The shredder says he can do up to 600 boxes. A flyer is being prepared. George said that Stacey will also distribute the flyers in the mall. Henne said that the deadline for GV News was the next day. George suggested calling them to find out how it is done. Henne asked for the revised flyer right away so it can go out Monday. The event will be March 29th.

George will send a link for the request for a Casino Afternoon in the fall.

Tatiana suggested a quick easy event for April.

Tom said the committee has 12 people and will develop goals and chairs going forward. The committee will meet on the second Monday each month at HQ.

A cashier is needed for the shredding event. George will train whoever is chosen and they will need to use the cashier's box. Tatiana said they would get a few people trained.

Lois congratulated Tatiana and Tom for their great work to date and their future plans. She said getting like-minded people together is a great goal and Tom felt that "this is the year".

Membership: Tom L

Tom had five items:

1. The Excel spreadsheet is current as of three days ago.
2. Paid membership is at 207.
3. The membership spreadsheet and Constant Contact need to be aligned. George will contact an Excel expert volunteer. Henne emphasized that new members not getting communication is a major problem.
4. The committee needs more people.
5. A decision was made to put all membership data into Constant Contact and thus eliminate Excel. This needs further discussion.

George said we should send a postcard to new (not renewing) members thanking them and thus get communications under way. Getting details added to Constant Contact is a priority. Henne asked if there is a column noting new people in the Excel spreadsheet. Tom did not think so – George said this needs to be corrected. Henne asked Tom to send her a list of new members and she will personally add them to Constant Contact. Doug suggested adding a column with N(new) or R (renewing). Tom said he would get the new names to Henne.

Tom said that there would be a mailing in April to people who paid in 2023 but have not paid yet in 2024. Henne said we were to send an email first and she needs the names to use Constant Contact. George asked Tom to send out the membership list to all the Board each month.

Judy asked Tom if the membership books in HQ are being kept up to date. He said it is done monthly.

George thanked Tom for the work, acknowledging it is a significant task.

Programs: George for Sandie

Sandie sent in her report.

There is a problem re. the debate between Laura Conover and Mike Jette as both cannot make either April 13th or April 20th. George will liaise with Sandie to seek a solution.

The Sheriffs' debate at CPAC is set up but the facilitator is not confirmed. Someone needs to be there to hand out information about GVD. Also, George has cleared with CPAC that we may sell items. The event will be in June. George said Darryl Smith who said he would facilitate needs to confirm and verify the equipment in CPAC.

George will ask Dan Shearer to moderate the Laura C / Mike J debate once a date is set.

Program events have averaged over 40 people this year.

George expects that events for May/June will be firmed up soon.

Henne got pictures of two people for April but needs their names and a date – George will check at home at let Henne know.

Tom Lobb said he and Nelda saw the need for an omnidirectional microphone and they are assembling the components needed – all thanked them! George asked Tom to liaise with him when he tests the setup.

Publicity: Henne

Henne had nothing to add to her report.

She reminded us that material for the Newsletter is requested two weeks in advance.

George said that a back-up person needs to be trained, especially in Constant Contact, so Henne can take vacation.

Judy will send Henne info. re. We Care and re. the new hours of opening.

Voter Outreach: Arlynn

Arlynn said that though the committee was losing Matt and Helen she thought two new members were coming onboard.

The Petition Palooza was a great success despite the weather.

Monthly House Parties are planned with candidates starting March 22nd in her house with Greg Frostrom. She reported a good response in her neighborhood. They are also working on the House Party Tool Box so it has everything needed for successive events.

There will be two tables at Fiesta Sahuarita on April 6th from 2.00 – 8.00 pm. Arlynn thanked Lois for volunteering and will let her know which shift – Arlynn asked for more volunteers.

The group is planning Postcard Parties. She reminded us that Jeanne Buell has organized a Pizza, Postcards, and Pastries event in Room 203 on March 20th at 2.30 pm. Further events will be in the Summer when it's better to be indoors and mailings will be closer to the elections.

George is to give Arlynn a schedule of Sidewalk Sales for later in the year.

Arlynn said that they expect to work with the Coordinated Campaign if they get to our area.

Judith noted that the House Party Box is in HQ – cleaned and covered! Arlynn thanked Judith.

George reported that Greg has enough signatures but anyone who has not contributed \$5 to his Clean Elections campaign should go to E-Qual and donate.

George noted that LD19 is buying Pizzas for the Postcards event on March 20th – bring a pastry!

At Large: Judith

The House Party Box is covered in blue vinyl paper so it should hold up well.

George noted that a group will be at Sahuarita Library to get signatures for Rosanna Gabaldón on Saturday. Signers must be resident in LD21. Arlynn noted it will be from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on March 16th, and there will be Access Abortion petitions and Voter Registration forms as well.

If allowed, they will have tables.

George noted that there are over 300,000 signatures to the Access Abortion petition. The target is 600,000.

George asked anyone available to bring petitions to election sites at The Good Shepherd UCC and GVR on election day – March 19th. Petition holders must be 75' from the entrances.

Volunteers: Laura

There were 15 new Volunteer slips last month.

She added them to the spreadsheet and sent it to George.

George said it looked fine and he will send it to us all. George reminded Laura that we need to communicate with new volunteers. Laura said that she is now adding the month and year of new volunteers.

President's Report: George

George will bring petitions to PCDP on March 20th.

Donations to candidates can be made until April 1st.

There are three contested races – there will be a debate re, Attorney and Sheriff.

We need to get money to the candidate running clean – Jonathan Hill and Ylena Aguilar.

Please sign for the candidate running for Pima County Supervisor in District 4.

George reminded us that the Udall Dinner is on May 11th – he would like to buy a table. Tickets are \$150. Those wishing to attend should forward a check to Lois with “Udall Dinner” in the memo section. There will be a good program and it is their major fundraiser. George has 4 already – the tables seat 10.

George noted that he has been the leader of the Discussion Group. Nothing formal says that the President must do this, and George said he will not be the leader next year. Also, he said that he gets a lot of documents from members of the Discussion Group that they want him to distribute. It was agreed that this should stop, and Lois suggested that the policy should be for members to bring items of interest to the Discussion Group for discussion at the meeting. George said that this will be an unwritten policy.

Old Business

Simon Rosenberg contacted George. He will be in town on March 23rd – a conflict with the Blue Wave Auction. He will get back to George if he can find a date in April or May.

New Business:

Women in Blue – there will be an event in Lois' house on March 28th. The speaker will be Bart Smith of Habitat for Humanity who may bring the LD21 representative with him. 35 places are available which 28 are already reserved. There was discussion regarding honoraria given to speakers. Lois noted that at events at restaurants a hat is passed which is independent of the event cost. The amount raised varies.

Lois moved that, when GVD Women in Blue hold an in-home potluck event, up to \$50 of any excess contributions collected may be given to the Speaker. Arlynne seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Other monies collected would go to GVD.

George asked that 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.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 11th at 2.00 pm.

Auction Addendum

George also noted that the Blue Wave Auction had sold out. He gave updates regarding logistics. He noted that Nancy Stanley's friend had died and thus "Phil and Dave", a comedy act, would substitute. George asked Henne to announce that Auction is Sold Out in the Newsletter and thank all who contributed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3.36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Syme

Secretary