

## **Green Valley Democrats**

Minutes of the Board Meeting Nov. 14, 2024

**George gaveled the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.**

**Doug took the roll:**

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the Oct. 17, 2024 meeting were approved as revised, with no objection.

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

Lois said we're in good financial position—the healthiest in 2 ½ years. Judy asked about merchandise sold—payment has been put in the donation box. Lois said such purchases are counted as donations. George said anything under \$2, he would put in the donation box. Judy said she has been giving different instructions at HQ. Henne suggested different procedures are needed.

George said \$14,102 has been netted from signs sold, and said thanks to staff for all signs sold and all their hard work.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

### **Headquarters: Judy**

Judy said headquarters is back in its usual configuration. We Care this month is for Amago Dei School; SAMU this month in Nogales will get next month's donations. She noted that Casa Alitas has been sold and is now a for-profit corporation, Alitas; we may collect for them in the future.

George asked what should be done with two leftover boxes of canvassing bags. Arlynn suggested keeping the bags for the next election. George said space could be found for them.

Judy said HQ is cutting back hours but continuing to operate five days a week. She suggested doing some "fun" get-togethers, maybe on Saturdays when no programs are scheduled, possibly at Brindi's. She will get something together for a newsletter. Disposal of leftover signs was discussed. Henne said Santa Cruz Dems have lunch-and-learning programs.

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

Tom and Tatiana said "purses" (the canvassing bags) can be stored at HQ. We published the Halloween party fundraising results; looks like it made \$786 or so. They said 75 people had called in to RSVP for election night party, but some did not come. Holiday dinner scheduled at CPAC for Saturday, Dec. 7. Henne said the first notice about the holiday party will go out Nov. 15. There will be an e-blast on Nov. 22, with a final notice Nov.

28 or 29; reservations by Dec. 1. Gorge asked that all fundraising information be forwarded to Brenda Bates so that the discussion group is kept up to date.

Tom H. said flyers for the planned winery tour are going out. It will be Wednesday, Jan. 15. People will be invited to come out as early as 9 a.m. for the 10-5 p.m. tour aboard a luxury bus. Lunch will be provided. George asked if this would be open to the public. Tom said the invitations will go out first to Democrats, and the public later; we do want to load the bus up. There was discussion about how to set this up.

Tom said a mystery dinner was planned for April 13 at Quail Creek; script is written. George noted that the Blue Wave auction would be March 15 at the Madera Ballroom. We may have comedian Nancy Stanley as auctioneer. Ticket sales begin Feb. 9 at HQ. Tom added they were investigating paid speakers for future fundraisers. Sandie asked that the program committee be advised of any speakers being invited.

### **Membership: Tom and Nelda**

Tom said there are 560 paid-up members, way up from last year. He and Tatiana are working with Henne on Excel and Constant Contact.

### **Programs: Sandie**

We had Rob Peters at recent program. said the Jan. 11 program will be Kate Fulton, Coalition for Sonora Desert Protection. Jan. 25 is in limbo for now. Feb. 8 will be David Dunford with a focus on the Mideast. George said make sure the Green Valley News editor knows about that last one.

### **Publicity – Henne**

Henne said in October 2,000 people checked in on our website. We will use Excel for Constant Contact, importing information directly.

### **Voter Outreach: Arlynn**

Arlynn said the VO committee had done a stellar job. 7,000 postcards went out. There was canvassing every weekend, with volunteers knocking on 6,000 doors. Sidewalk Sales Days were a big success, especially photos of dogs with Kamala Harris stand-up. We did our last house party in October by Allen and Bryan. There will be no meeting in December; resuming in January.

Sandie said there's a lot of wine in the back. George suggested possibly raffling them off. There will be a thank-you party on Sunday from 3-5.

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

George said there will be a thank-you board party on Dec. 8.

George noted some instances of interfering with political signs are proceeding and he would keep on top of developments.

### **At Large: Judith**

Judith said she has purchased thank-you and sympathy cards, and they would be brought to HQ for use as needed. Sandie will inform Pat Burgess that she can use the thank-you cards for event speakers.

### **Volunteers – Laura**

Laura expressed her thanks to all volunteers. She referred to her work as a poll observer at East Center; she reported to constable about Trump supporters coming too close, and that was fixed.

### **Old Business**

George said nominations for GV Dems officers are ready. George reminded everyone that only members will be able to vote at the annual meeting. We will have wine and desserts for the annual meeting in December. Henne confirmed that the required 30-day notice of the slate of board member nominees and the proposed bylaw change was observed.

### **New Business - George**

George said Zoom is up for renewal in December; this is a 2025 budget item and would cost roughly \$160. He said new tri-folds are needed at HQ; he suggested waiting until mid-January to bring them up to date. He said committee members should submit their budgets for 2025 to Sandie as soon as possible.

### **Next Meeting**

George suggested there be no meeting in December; there were no objections. Noting this is his last meeting, he gave thanks to all board members.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tom Chulski**

Acting Secretary