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SUN CITY GRAND REPUBLICAN CLUB
Minutes of General Meeting
May 22, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Sally Cotten at 9:30 a.m. in the Church on the Green. Colonel Lynn Lucchetti gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME TO VISITORS: President Cotten welcomed the many members of the Sun City and Sun City West Republican Clubs who were in attendance, inviting several to say a few words. Jan Martin, President of SCW Republican Club, made announcements and invited all to attend their meetings on the first Saturday of each Month. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

SPEAKERS:

Frank Carroll, Arizona State Representative for LD22, is Chairman of the Transportation Committee, working on infrastructure and related budget items. Mr. Carroll also said that we need to go to Peoria School Board meetings regarding bill 1532 for parents' rights. The bill is dead in the Senate right now, as it was killed by Senator Boyer. He has also put forth a "Heart Beat" bill which would not allow an abortion after the heart beat is heard (generally 6 weeks.) He wants to put this on the ballot at the next election.

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko, from Arizona's 8th Congressional District, described her responsibilities. She votes on items presented to Congress, getting all the information she can, with help from her aids. She described the location and operation of her office here on Bell Road and introduced her new Aide, Keith Forte.

Ms Lesko then discussed the national issues she is dealing with:
- The Border is worse than it has ever been: Catch and release, cartels running illegal drugs and child trafficking; fentanyl use the highest it has ever been.
- Federal government releasing criminals from prisons into the communities.
- The "squad" is against the Jews and supports terrorists; wants to defund the police.
- Federal government wants to take away guns.
- Biden has cancelled the Keystone Pipeline and is funding the Russian pipeline.
- Federal government wants to pay people not to work, give free healthcare to all.
- We have to win the House in 2022 It is imperative to get out the vote.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Jim Lamon was introduced by 1st VP and Speaker Chair, Jan Shank. Mr. Lamon, businessman, philanthropist and founder of AZ51, seeks the nomination to run against Mark Kelly in 2022 to restore a Republican majority to the U.S. Senate. Mr. Lamon donates $2 million annually to the Republican Party, $1 million to philanthropy, and $2 million to register new Republican voters in Arizona. He would like at least 200,000 more Republican voters registered.

Immigration: Secure the border. We are a nation of laws. Our citizens must be cared for first. Stop sanctuary cities.

Education: Supports school choice; stop teaching critical race theory; teach more science, math and civics. He plans to take on the Teachers Union.

Energy independence: Protect workers; remain energy independent with solar, natural gas; reduce costs for manufacturing and ratepayers. Energy independence is a matter of national security.

Will also vote in the Senate to:
 Strengthen the military
 Fund law enforcement
 Protect the Bill of Rights
 Support the sanctity of life and the safety of our citizens
 Protect free speech, the right to bear arms and freedom of religion.

President Sally Cotten adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. after the following announcements:

- ✓ The monthly Happy Hour/Social is 3-6 p.m. May 25 at State 48 Brewery on Bell Road.
- ✓ Next month's general meeting is at the Church on the Green on June 19, 2021. Guest speaker is China expert PM Azinga.
- ✓ There is a petition in the hall to sign to recall two State officials: Kathy Hoffman, Secretary of Education and Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State, who is trying to stop the audit of the state's election results.
- ✓ Volunteers are needed to help with the audit, either in person or by donating.
- ✓ A list of SCGGOP Board members is being handed out. Members may call or email any of them with suggestions or comments.