

Sun City Grand Republican Interest Group  
Minutes of General Meeting  
September 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Sally Cotten.

Chaplain Gayle Salter led the prayer  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Axelrod

President Sally Cotten introduced guests and officials. Her remarks included:

Announcement/reminder of our big meeting in the Sonoran Plaza Grand Ballroom on October 16, 2021 at 1pm (doors open at noon). We will have three of the Republicans running for the U.S. Senate speaking: Jim Lamon, Mick McGuire and Blake Masters. We have been in touch with Mark Brnovich but to date he has not responded. We will have a band playing patriotic music. We do not plan to have to wear masks, but CAM is changing rules and we don't know what the rules will be yet, so prepare to bring masks. We will have some on hand if you forget.

On October 13, 2021 we will have a bus tour to the state Capitol which is \$35.00 per person and includes the bus and the boxed lunch and tour. All payments are to be made to the club by September 29, 2021. Frank Carroll has arranged this for us and we will have Kimberly Yee and others speak to us.

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko, representing District 8 in the U.S. House of Representatives, spoke to our group about what is happening in Washington. She advised that she does this job because she wants to save our country. Her comments included:

Redistricting: US Congress redistricts every 10 years. District 8 is up for redistricting to redraw voting and legislative areas. The Democrats changed the redistricting rules several years ago making it 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats and 1 Independent. However, the "Independent" leans liberal so they have had it go their way. We need a Republican leaning Independent to have it be more helpful to our cause.

Debbie's office is open to all to help with any issues such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, IRS, Post Office, immigration, state department issues. The office is located at 12515 W. Bell Road, Suite 104, next to Wells Fargo.

Her Washington offices cater to legislation issues, both her sponsored issues or co-sponsored issues.

Her staff looks into the issues, gives her recommendations and she votes accordingly.

Because the Democrats won the majority of seats in the 2020 election, they are the Chairpersons of all the committees. They are the people who recommend to Pelosi what items to be voted on, so almost no Republican bills are sent for vote.

Let this be a reminder: elections have consequences. We have to take back both the House and Senate in 2022 in order for all this spending madness in Washington to end. We only have 5 seats to flip. We are getting better than we were several years ago as the Democrats held 3/4 of the seats and now there is only a five-seat difference.

Debbie is on the Commerce and Energy Committee and just about 70% of all bills come from this committee.

The House spent 3 full days voting on the \$3.5 trillion bill Biden has put forth. The Republicans made a small difference but not enough. An example of the mess this government is making is Swift and Knight Transportation, the largest transportation company in the USA: A new diesel truck costs \$130,000 and gets 1,500 mpg. The new electric trucks coming will cost \$380,000 each and get 200 miles per charge.

Natural gas and nuclear are still the best sources of energy, with wind and solar at the bottom of the list. 70% of the solar materials and 77% of all batteries are made in China.

Democrats want to take the debt ceiling to a vote next week

Treasurer Allan Marsh advised members that we have lots of overhead such as liability insurance, room rentals, meals to pay for guests at the Christmas party, advertising, sandwich boards to advise members where meetings are located. We have a \$6,000 budget with the dues going to \$20 per person to help offset some of these expenses. Dues paid any time from now to the end of the calendar year will carry over and cover the entire calendar year 2022. Dues will then begin again in January 2023.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jan Shank introduced our speakers, Hugh and Lewis Hallman who spoke on the Federalist Papers. They are from the 960 Patriot station in the 3rd hour of Seth Leibsohn show every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. He asked them to come on his show to help save the country

Hugh advised that in 2020 had 8 districts in Tempe, Aula Tookie and Scottsdale. Democrats helped to make it turn left with the redistricting. Frank Carroll, Ben Toma and David Livingston are doing a great job in state government.

Federalist Papers began when 13 states came together to form a limited role for government. James Madison was especially involved in protecting liberty with control over government power.

Under the Federalist System, if one state goes bad, it can be controlled by the other states.

The Democrats are pushing to get rid of the Electoral College. Abraham Lincoln said in 1838 that destruction of the country would come from within. The January 6 uprising was nothing compared to the 2020 "Summer of Love" and the rioting all over the country.

Lewis Hallman looks at the analytical side of the government intrusion into our lives. Our US Navy is better than any in the world.

In 1945 children helped financially with their families. Today they are like pets and cost a fortune. The young do the most borrowing and the older people are the producers.

China has more ships than the USA but can only go about 90 kilometers from the coast. And they have rapidly aging population, less farmland than any other country they share a border with.

Lewis believes many of the weapons left in Afghanistan will find their way to China. The media believes we are like livestock and can be controlled. Lewis believes that the USA has the best social culture and military in the world.

Comments from Candidates for Office

50/50 drawing

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.