



General Meeting August 19, 2023 Minutes

Co-President Sally Cotten called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the invocation. Tom Zades led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-President Frank Rizzo asked everyone to fly their flags more often. Let the world know we are patriotic.

Frank announced that October 25 will be the Capitol tour. The cost will be \$50.00 with the bus and lunch. Those that want to drive will pay \$12 for lunch only and meet us at the Capitol. The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. from Chaparral and arrive around 9:30 a.m. We will have a group photo and tour of the museum; the Senate caucus where we can relax and have lunch. After a turkey and cheese box lunch there will be a mock bill on the floor around 2:00 p.m. There will be a sign up for RTS and we will leave between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m., arriving back in Surprise around 5:00 -5:30 p.m. The tour can hold 75 people and the bus can hold 56.

Our thanks to House member Steve Montenegro for being 100% involved in the Free Enterprise Club for lifetime. He fights to keep the Republican caucus united.

Further comments from Rep Montenegro:

The budget was a victory, as was school choice, but Governor Hobbs vetoes most bills.

The House is trying to inform the public of the border crisis and of the public health crisis with the drugs coming in over the border. They passed a bill for chips used in voting machines but the governor vetoed it. They have only a one-vote majority in both houses. We have to work hard to increase that or at least stay the same. The Republican Party must be united.

District Director Keith Forte from Debbie Lesko' office gave a summary of her activities. His comments included:

They want to make sure the public knows about all their services, such as helping with IRS, Passport, Tours, flag flying over the Capitol, Medicare or Medicaid problems and federal agencies in general.

The federal Budget is supposed to be completed by September 30 so it is at the top of Debbie's list.

The 4th indictment of Trump is politically influenced.

A group has filed AZ for abortion access. The group wants to amend the constitution, saying that everyone has a right to an abortion without any state or government influence. 30,835 signatures are needed to fight against this.

Dr. Nick Damask will be presenting his series of lectures at the West Valley Office 10050 W Bell Road (99th Ave and Bell Road) Sun City AZ. There will be a Q and A session in each class. The five sessions are:

- ✓ November 1 the Democrats having a Serious Problem,
- ✓ November 8 Making Friends and Crushing Enemies - our Winning Agenda
- ✓ November 15 Uprooting the Deep State
break for Thanksgiving, then
- ✓ November 29 An America First Economy, and lastly
- ✓ December 6 The Immigration Catastrophe.

All sessions are 5:30 -7:30 p.m. The cost is \$80 for 5 classes or \$25 each class if unable to attend all five.

Other remarks by Dr. Damask:

At Wako 82 people were killed by the FBI, Bill Clinton and Janet Reno, in a church, gassed and burned.

They have had pre-dawn raids and in Utah an 80-year-old man on a walker was killed along with 2 other people unidentified. There have been 11,000 Americans held in conjunction with January 6 along with a 69-year-old woman on chemo who served two months in jail.

No one has been prosecuted for Wako or any other.

25% of republicans today were democrats eight years ago. Polls say republicans are winning 80-85%.

We have to stay on message with the economy, deep state and immigration. Have to keep the house with a larger majority and get the senate.

Barbara Wylie spoke briefly. She is a conservative candidate running for school board @ West Mec. West Mec teaches juniors and seniors the trades on four campuses. Go to westmec.org for more information.

Need to vote for Dysart Unified School District #89 School Board: Mary Jane Ziola and Stephen Skvara.

Mary Jane: No trans gender category in school; school choice advocate. 45% scored at or above grade level, with a \$9 billion budget.

50% of the state budget goes to schools but needs more English and math.

March 19 primary election, request for vote by February 5.

Steven: Need to have the best education possible with community and parents involved. Go back to basics. Over 1/2 of children can't read at grade level. We need accountability.

Frank Rizzo advised we need more PC's and volunteers to work the phones and walk the precincts.

He reported that Eric Morgan is doing better after his horrific motorcycle accident some months ago.

He also said that they are trying to bring Trump back to AZ for a rally.

Jeff Zink running for office in LD3. His son, Ryan, was imprisoned for January 6. The FBI came to his house, broke down the door without even knocking first, took him away and has been there ever since. His video showed his son helping someone who was hurt outside the Capitol and he never went in. He was with Jeff the whole time and it was videoed. They took Ryan but not Jeff as Jeff was running for office and they didn't want to make waves.

Video showed an antifa member breaking windows but he is not in jail. There are people who were arrested on Jan 6 that need medication that have not been given to them. 98% of those incarcerated are innocent. Need to get a republican majority so we can get these people out of jail and take care of the drug problem coming from the border. We must go after the cartels.

AZ is 49th out of 51 for safety. The District of Columbia is 21st in safety. Officials want transgender bathrooms and boys in girls' sports. He wants to save our children. Biden and his open borders are not okay. Democrats are leaving the door open for more crime and maneuvering. We are not free in America anymore.

At 11:00 a.m. after the 50/50 drawing, Sally Cotten closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Gerri Staffieri
Secretary.