



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Grand Republicans  
January 21, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jan Shank opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and gave the invocation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, John Cross led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jan introduced Debbie Lesko, our District Eight Congressional Representative, who spoke about the recent, televised process of electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. She mentioned first that she is one the members of the Freedom Caucus and has been in favor of McCarthy all along.

Three of the six Republican Representatives from Arizona withheld their votes for McCarthy: Andy Biggs, Paul Gosar and Eli Crane. Gosar eventually voted for McCarthy and the other two finally voted "Present," allowing for unanimous approval by the

Ms Lesko said that the rule changes were good and will help get things accomplished. They had been agreed to by McCarthy on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bills introduced so far include:

- Withdraw/withhold funding for the 87,000 IRS agents
- That no bill may increase mandatory spending
- Bills must be single-subject
- Provisions of bill must be germane to that bill.
- "Born alive" child from failed abortion must receive medical intervention. (210 Democrats voted against this bill!)
- Condemn attacks on pro-life facilities.

Select committees to be formed to investigate:

- ✓ The origins of Covid

- ✓ Biden's use of federal agencies ("weaponization of the federal government.")
- ✓ Economic competition between the U.S. and China – and reduce our reliance on China.

Hospitality Chair and Event Coordinator, Barbara Verderose, spoke on events and programs that support our mission of an Informed Electorate:

- Happy Hour on February 9
- Dr. Nick Damask's lecture series
- The Photography Club and patriotism
- A Book Club
- The tour of the State Capital this year.

Board member Terry Corcoran spoke briefly about the Capital Tour, asking those interested for a show of hands. Many expressed interest.

Dr. Nick Damask spoke about the startling action Speaker Pelosi took last year, stripping representatives of the opposing party of their committee assignments. That hadn't been done since 1905, over 100 years ago! She stripped Marjorie Taylor Green and Paul Gosar of their Committee assignments. If you are not on a committee, you have no power at all. These will be restored under McCarthy.

Dr. Damask said that Speaker McCarthy will "get even," relieving Eric Swalwell, Adam Shiff and Ilhan Omar of their committee assignments.

Jan Shank then introduced our featured speaker, Dr. Larry Schweikart, retired professor of history. Acknowledging that we are in perilous times, Dr. Schweikart nevertheless related moments and times in our history when it seemed that all was lost. His examples included events and comments surrounding the War of 1812 and the war in the Pacific in 1941.

He described the stealth maneuvers of the Nautilus submarine and said that we each need to "be a nautilus" during these next two years. He said we have to fight tooth and nail just to stay even. Get out and register voters! Dr. Schweikart recommended a young man named Scott Pressler, a "genius" at getting young people registered to vote. He travels all over the country helping young people understand the difference between what Democrats have to offer as opposed to the Republican Party.

Dr. Schweikart said that the Dems were wanting but were unable to remove Biden from office before the Republicans took control of the House. But they had to first get rid of Harris and replace her with someone like Newsom, who would then become President when they got rid of Biden.

He said we need to cheat to win the next election; that the Democrats are an insane, demonic party. There is no virtue in losing gracefully. We have to start fighting dirty. The states that are fixing their voting systems are the ones where we already have Republican rule. The swing states are not in the process of instituting safeguards.

He said that if Trump walks back his stance on the vaccines and chooses DeSantis as VP, he would win the Whitehouse. That could be followed by eight years of DeSantis as President, thus 12-year control of the Whitehouse. He said that the three main leaders who can stop globalism are Donald Trump, Benjamin Netanyahu and Vladimir Putin.

Schweikart said that there is an “undercurrent” of Trump-only voters who hate both the Democrats and the Republicans, but will vote for Trump. This group is larger than the one that would not vote for Trump “no matter what.” He also pointed out that illegals coming into our country do not want to live under a dictatorship. Except for Mexicans, most of these could very well vote Republican. The liberals’ idea of bringing in more liberal voters could backfire on them.

Sample book titles by Dr. Schweikart:

- 48 Liberal Lies About American History. By: Larry Schweikart. ...
- Dragon Slayers.
- A Patriot's History of the United States. ...
- A Patriot's History of the United States, Updated Edition. ...
- Reagan. ...
- The Patriot's History Reader. ...
- Seven Events That Made America America. ...
- What Would the Founders Say?

Jan Shank gave a brief overview of plans for the February and March meetings. The January meeting was closed at 11:00 a.m.

