



General Membership Meeting May 20, 2023 Minutes

After the invocation and pledge, 1st VP Jan Shank opened the meeting in Phil's absence. She introduced our representative to the House, Debbie Lesko, who gave an update of what she is doing in Congress. She advised that the media doesn't help because they side with the Democrats and won't include what the Republicans are doing to help the country.

The House passes bills and they go to the Senate where the Democrats have a majority, so they put up for vote the bills they want and forgo the ones they don't want. That is why you don't see a lot of progress.

- ✓ Republicans passed the Police Act to support police and fund them.
- ✓ They passed a resolution denouncing socialism.
- ✓ Defund the 87,000 IRS agents,
- ✓ Repeal green new deal
- ✓ Tax credit to schools
- ✓ Able bodied adults not able to be on welfare,
- ✓ American made energy
- ✓ Secure borders, make refugees remain in Mexico as Trump had it until their arraignment, require E-verify,
- ✓ No CRT in classes; parental rights in education,
- ✓ Protect women and girls in women's sports from transgender men,
- ✓ End Covid national emergency.
- ✓ Debt ceiling bill limits federal spending to keep at 2022 level with increase of 1% per year making \$4.8 trillion over 10 years.

Other comments by Ms Lesko:

The Energy Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over many different categories such as sports, technology, healthcare, telecommunications. They will have an investigation on the Covid-related nursing home deaths.

Can get things accomplished through the budget. The failings of the FBI are one they are working on.

January 6 had some bad apples but not all, and so many are being held that didn't even enter the Capitol building.

Looking at laws against gas stoves and stopping it.

Katie Hobbs (our new governor) has vetoed 89 separate pieces of legislation because they came from a republican congress.

Our speaker Colonel Steven Chealander told stories of his life as a military air to President Reagan. Apparently only the Military Aid and the Doctor are with the President everywhere he goes. He was also the military aid and ceremonial aid to Trump. He said that Reagan and Trump are similar in personality.

He advised that President Reagan was always very prompt and had great humor. He was unique and embodies the American spirit. Before Reagan went anywhere the team that set up his talks etc. would be working behind the scenes for many months. His first trip on the helicopter was unique as he thought he had everything set up but forgot a blanket for Mrs. Reagan. The helicopter only held 10 people when the President was using it.

At the Reagan Ranch they did daily drills with the secret service on every possible attack that might happen. Reagan was very compassionate and was visibly upset at the Apollo crash.

When Reagan went to Russia for his speech about taking down the wall, he was waiting to speak and had to go potty and being the prompt person that he was, he didn't want to be late to meet Gorbachev so he didn't have time to put on his overcoat to meet the Russian. The press was impressed that Gorbachev had a coat on and the American President was so strong he seemingly didn't need one.

At the G7 Summit in Berlin Reagan honored the pilots and one of them was Steven's father. He signed the speech and gave it to them for a souvenir even though it was supposed to go to the archives.

After the 50/50 results, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Gerri Staffiery
Secretary.