



General Meeting November 18, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. by Co-President Sally Cotten, with the invocation by 1st VP Jan Shank, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by 2nd VP Terry Corcoran.

Past President Phil Axelrod announced the nominees for the Board of Directors for calendar year 2024. He had each nominee stand briefly.

The nominees are:

Officers of the Board:

President / Donna Rhodes-Brown
1st VP / Jan Shank
2nd VP / Terry Corcoran
Secretary / Gerri Staffieri
Treasurer / Allen Marsh

Other Board members:

Membership / Toni Helgeson Hospitality / Barbara Verderose
Communications / Tom Zades Webmaster / Steve Shank
Past President & Advisor/ Phil Axelrod
Past President / Frank Rizzo Past President / Sally Cotten
Member at Large 1 / Rosemary Palmer Member at Large 2 / Sally Pihl
Member at Large 3 / Frank Zuckerbrow
Member at large 4 / Christine Corcoran

Phil then asked whether any Club members present would like to nominate themselves or someone else, in which case a vote would be held. There

being no other nominations, Phil declared that each nominee was elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors for 2024. He added that the swearing in ceremony was scheduled for the December General Meeting.

Jan Shank then introduced our first speaker, Mr. Tom Horne, who currently serves as Superintendent of Public Instruction. He previously served as Arizona Attorney General, from 2011 to 2015. He was Superintendent of Public Instruction from 2003 to 2011, as well.

Mr. Horne spoke on the importance of teaching civics and the “three ‘R’s” in order to have literate voters who understand how our country was founded and how it functions, politically.

A question-and-answer time followed his remarks. New questionnaire forms were used to submit the questions for both speakers.

Jan then introduced Mr. Jeff DeWit, Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party (“AZGOP.”) He previously served as Arizona State Treasurer from 2015 to 2018. Jeff chronicled for us how he found himself in politics and what he hopes to accomplish as the Chairman of AZGOP.

His presentation was also followed by a question-and-answer period.

After announcement of the 50-50 winners, the meeting was adjourned by Jan Shank at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Zades, Director of Communications,
in lieu of the Board Secretary.

Final January 31, 2024