

January 8, 2010 PRWC General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Kay Schultz at 11:05 AM. Chaplain Sally McCormick gave the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. President Susan Kay introduced new members and guests. She was also pleased to announce that we were going to be able to hear William Owens Jr. from the Tea Party Express in addition to our featured guest speaker.

Treasurer Carol Zraket presented the proposed budget for 2010 that was approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Budget approved. The Dec. 2009 financial report was filed. Beginning Balance 11/30/2009 \$2679.61, Deposits; \$6198.30, Checking Balance 12/31/2009: \$4780.18, Savings Balance \$5005.03

Membership Report was given by Joan Parker for 2nd Vice-President Joy Russell. She reminded members that their 2010 dues must be paid by March 1st for their names to be included in the 2010 Roster. Joan also had a handout for members to help compute their campaign volunteer hours for AzFRW and NFRW. There is also an excel spreadsheet that members can ask for that will compute the hours electronically.

Donna Reagan Legislative Committee chair quizzed members on what districts they lived in and urged them to consider being a precinct committeeman. There will be precinct committeeman training at the Legislative District 8 meeting January 14th. She will be bringing voter registration forms to each meeting. It is important to register Republicans as Independents numbers are increasing.

President Susan Kay Schultz, AzFRW Region VIII Director reported that AzFRW will be holding 3 meetings in 2010. The winter meeting will be in Yuma, the summer meeting in Prescott and the Fall meeting will be in Phoenix.

Reservations will now be taken by Alison Kettenhofen. Members can do this via telephone, mail or through the website.

Anthea Dyer thanked the members for their support of the New Day Center in 2009. She started out the new year by collecting money for gloves and mittens for the children.

Debra Pearson, AzFRW Out-Reach Chair talked about the efforts AzFRW to help diversify our membership base. There will be prizes to Clubs who achieve specific goals.

William Owen Jr. of the Tea Party Express www.teapartyexpress.com and author of Obama Why Black America Should Have Doubts spoke of the tea party's efforts to bring President Ronald Reagan's conservative ideas back to America. The Tea Party movement is bringing together people who are serious about our nation and country. There will be another Tea Party Express in March. He also stated that the Tea Party is not going to run as a 3rd Party in the 2010 elections.

Caring for America Chair Essie Fleischer introduced our guest speaker Arizona National Guard Chaplain, Captain Christopher Melvin who is working with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. 50% of the forces in Iraq and Afghanistan are members of the Guard or Reserves. In the Phoenix area alone there are 1400 deployed from the Arizona National Guard. Most of the families do not live on military bases, so it is vital to be able to help them while their spouses are deployed. He also stated that the Guard was appreciative of PRWC's proposed program to help military spouses. Essie explained the proposed "Diapers Galore" project. PRWC would provide baby showers for spouses. There were sign-up sheets for members to show support by donating money, donating goods, or putting together baskets. The committee will review the sign-up sheets and then come up with further specifics on the baby showers.

President Susan Kay Schultz stated that 1st Vice-President Shawna Bolick could not attend because she was part of the Dodie Londen Class this year and was in Prescott. The February meeting will feature Congressman John Shadegg, Congressional District 3 and a Forum for the candidates in Congressional District 5.

Central RW president Kate McGee who was a guest stated that she had attended our meeting because she had heard such positive statements about PRWC. She is running for State House in Legislative District 11.

Meeting adjourned. 12:05 PM, Barb McMullen, Recording Secretary