

Democrats of Rim Country
April 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 12 p.m. by Diane Green (past DRC President) presiding over the meeting in the absence of President Doug Stewart.

Diane introduced guest speaker Carol Comito, President of the Arizona Federation of Women.

Ms. Comito gave a synopsis of her background with ASU, Az Federation of Democratic Women, as well as the National organization that was formed in 1975.

Carol explained the Az Federation of Woman has been uniting Democratic Women in AZ since 1938, to advance the cause and candidates of the Democratic Party. The Federation newsletter keeps members informed of activities of the organization and is part of the yearly dues of \$15. Men are invited to be members.

The most recent cause the Federation has worked on is the ERA, trying to get the amendment passed in AZ. Only one more state is needed for the ERA to become part of the U.S. Constitution.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March 12, 2019 were presented by Secretary Covert. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Denise VanKueren showing a checking account balance as of March 31, 2019 of \$2883.06. On Sunday 3/31/19 membership dues of \$140 were sent to the Bank which cleared the Bank on 4/1/19 bringing the balance to \$3023.06. The Treasurer's report was moved and seconded. All approved.

Dane Green called attention to an article in the 4/9/19 RoundUp by DRC member, Bob Hershberger, sharing his vision for a new western-themed town square with the Main Street Merchants Guild. Bob is an architect and was a former dean of the College of Architecture at U of A.

New Business:

Chris Tilley reported on the work to organize the DRC Picnic which will be held on May 18th at Rumsey Park, Ramada 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be a potluck with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Sign-up sheet for food and picnic items was distributed. Flyers were available to distribute to businesses and business type cards for members to distribute to friends and neighbors. Diane Green is working on getting several State Democrats and candidates for the 2020 election and possibly Col. Mark Kelly from Tucson who declared for the U.S. Senate.

Lynnette Brouwer reported on a Van Training session to be held on 4/27/19 at the Payson Library. She also reported the next County Democrats will meet on June 8, in Tonto Basin and will include voter registration training.

Penny Navis-Schmidt reported that the Women's Caucus of the DRC will hold a trash pick-up on Earth Day, Monday, April 22, 1:30 p.m. on Longhorn and McLane. Flyers were distributed with details along with a sign-up sheet for the number of vests and bags being provided by the City.

Diane Green announced the need for Committee chairpersons for the Outreach/Membership committee and the By-Laws review committee. Volunteers needed.

Diane also announced that Alexis Beckman, editor the RoundUp newspaper is soliciting letters to the editors, op-ed pieces and other input from the DRC.

DRC members are encouraged to attend the Town Council meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Members are asked to speak to the Council members on agenda items when necessary and let the DRC presence known.

A possible future DRC speaker will be Town Council member Chris Higgins.

Bob Hershberger announced he would be showing his art work at the Art League Studio Tour on May 3, 4 & 5. Look for flyers in town.

50/50 Raffle with \$43.20 was held with the winner Carol Comito receiving \$21.60 which she generously gave back to the DRC.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Covert,
Secretary**