

**Democrats of Rim Country Meeting  
Of October 8, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Green at 11:58 a.m.

**Guest Speakers: Rory Huff, Katie Manning and Superintendent of Schools Stan Rentz presented the importance for approval of the Payson School District Maintenance and Override election to be held in early November 2019. Approval to continue the current 10% override will result in a continuation of the current tax to property owners in Payson, not a tax increase. This is a mail-in election only and all property owners will receive a ballot in the mail. If the override fails it would result in a loss of approximately \$450,00 during the school year 2020-21 with a total loss over three years of approximately \$1,370,000. The funds will be used to maintain class sizes, attract and retain quality staff, provide for programs and positions in technology, music, and physical education. Please vote "YES" on your mail-in ballot.**

**Superintendent Rentz introduced himself to the members. He arrived in Payson in July from a similar size district in Georgia. He believes in transparency and using tax dollars responsibly. He encourages citizens to communicate with him through his e-mail address [srentz@gmail.com](mailto:srentz@gmail.com).**

**Second Guest Speaker: Deebra Abboud, who ran in the 2018 election for US Senate. She is currently Vice Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party. Ms. Abboud is also an attorney in corporate law. She explained what is going on in Washington, DC, but stress that "all politics are local". We need to be concerned who are local politicians are in State politics and who support public education. She stated the importance to elect candidates in state, city and county elections to put protections in place against the Federal government. Deebra further stated the importance of telling people when filling out a ballot they don't need to fill out the entire ballot, just vote for candidates and issues the individual feels are important to them. Another area Deebra discussed was the need to reach young people, go to where they are, go to their events. Deebra will assist in local events throughout the 2020 election cycle.**

**Treasurer's Report – Denise VanKueren**

**Presented the September 2019 Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$2903.08. The Report was approved by consensus.**

**Denise reported on the Yard Sale held the week of Oct. 8 thru 13 for a gross total of \$2207.37.**

**Secretary's Report – Suzanne Covert**

**Presented the minutes of September 10, 2019. Motion to accept was made by Chris Tilley seconded by Denise VanKueren. Motion carried.**

**Chris Tilley announced the Town of Payson will be holding the Trunk or Treat at the Rodeo Grounds on Halloween, October 31, beginning at 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. A charge of \$35 is required for a space. All candy will be provided.**

**Lynette Brouwer, Gila County Chair, reported on the State Party Convention held in Prescott in Sept. The next one will be in January, location to be determined.**

**Diane Green reported on the need for a Membership Committee chairman and Volunteers. In addition, volunteers are needed to work on the DRC float for the Electric Light Parade in early December. The theme is "Santa's Workshop" we need to come up with a design, lights and decorations. We will invite LD6 candidates to participate.**

**We will soon be discussing plans for a DRC Headquarters for 2020, need a chairperson. We need to encourage independents to get involved.**

**Pat Edelsen-Smith announced a Time Out vigil will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Expedition Church at 5:30 p.m.**

**50/50 Raffle: \$32 with half won by Pat Edelsen who donated it back to the Club**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Suzanne Covert,  
Recording Secretary**