

**Democrats of Rim Country
March 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m. by 1st Vice President, Pat Edelen Smith in the absence of President Doug Stewart.

Speaker – Barbara Underwood

Mrs. Underwood is the current President of the Payson United School District. She is also a member of the Payson Town Council.

Barbara announced that the School Board has hired a new Superintendent of Schools for Payson to replace Dr. Greg Wyman, who is leaving Payson due to family illness. The new Superintendent, Dr. Stan Randt, is currently the Superintendent in Hazelhurst, GA., which has approximately the same student population as Payson. He will officially start July 1, 2019.

Barbara discussed special programs for high school students, i.e. Dual Enrollment classes which has 60 students currently enrolled through Gila Community College in English, Math and Science. The students take the classes at the high school. Also is being offered is a Nursing program with 40 students enrolled, some working at Banner Payson Hospital. Other successful programs with GCC are Cosmetology and Fire Science.

Mrs. Underwood and DRC members discussed the finances of the School District and funds through the State Legislature.

Secretary Report – presented by Suzanne Covert

The minutes of the February 12, 2019 were discussed briefly. Motion made by Marie Fasano, seconded by Bettie Julkes, and approved.

It was explained that the minutes will be posted on the democratsofrimcountry.com website prior to the next month's meeting for members to review, at the following meeting the members will vote to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report – presented by Denise VanKueren

Current balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$2103.45

Denise reported on a meeting she attended in Flagstaff with the State Democrat Treasurer, who explained procedures Club Treasurers need to follow. As the year progresses Denise will continue to explain procedures PCs will need to know.

Pat Edelen Smith explained that due to Doug Stewart taking a job in CA he will be away from Payson several times each month and has requested being removed as a third signer on the Club checking account. Suzanne Covert has agreed to become the third signer. Compass Bank needs new motion to reflect these changes.

Chris Tilley moved, Diane Green seconded. The new signers for the Democrats of Rim Country checking account with Compass Bank will be Denise VanKueren, Pat Edelen Smith and Suzanne Covert, and removing Doug Stewart. Approved.

The Club is looking for 3 people to Audit the 2018 Budget which is required in the Club By-Laws. Assistance will be provided if people who don't have experience are willing to perform this task.

With the resignation of Elsa Romanowitz as chair of the Membership Committee, Diane Green is asking for help with this recordkeeping. Not a lot of time, but an important function of the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted
Suzanne Covert
Secretary**