

**Democrats of Rim Country Meeting
January 14, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Diane Green.

Guest Speaker: Felicia French, candidate for Arizona State Senate from LD6. She was introduced by her daughter, Ann, who gave an outline of Felicia's background that makes her a well-qualified candidate for the State Senate.

Felicia explained her number one issue is public education funding, teacher raises, funding for all day kindergarten, and technical/vocational schools, nurses and mental health counselors in every school focusing on student mental health. In addition, Felicia would urge local control, listening to local citizens:

- 1. The need for lower rent and short -term rentals.**
- 2. She would push for broadband in rural communities as more citizens work from home for business.**
- 3. Fire Wise mandates in communities surrounded by forest.**
- 4. Community alarm system for fire and other emergencies to citizens.**
- 5. Get rid of for- profit prisons.**

Felicia can be reached at: frenchforaz.com

Secretary Report – Minutes for 11/12/2019 were approved with corrections by Chris Tilley and seconded by Betti Julkes.

Treasurer's Report – Denise VanKueren reported it will take \$13,000 to run the DRC Headquarters for 2020. The current balance in the checking account as of December 2019 is \$4392. Report was approved by Suzanne Covert and seconded by Chris Tilley.

President Green announced the DRC Headquarters will open in March. A manager is needed with a management committee.

Lynnette Brouwer announced the Gila City Club will hold a training for door to door canvassing techniques on Sat. Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. at Payson Senior Center.

50/50 raffle was held with Jerry Wala the winner for ½ of the \$41 which is donated back to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by
Suzanne Covert
Recording Secretary**