



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3

**MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2023**

Venue: The Church at 6140 E. Thunderbird Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

AGENDA

Call to Order by Chairman Bob Gomez at 7:00 PM

- Chairman Gomez reviews how meeting will be run.
- Encourages PCs to get to know each other.
- Announced that monies raised tonight will be donated toward defeating school board bonds. This was approved unanimously by a quick Board meeting before this meeting began. There are Board minutes to support this action.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ashley and Chris Earle's 3 children.

Invocation: Carol Torkko led the body in the Lord's Prayer.

Sergeant of Arms: Hal McCall

Kevin Maldonado swore in 3 PCs.

Guest Speakers: Josh Barnett

Bob Gomez Announcements:

- Cards are in back of the room listing new residents in each precinct that have not registered to vote. Please take and contact these people.
- Voter Data Agreement – complete form and return to Bob to have access to the voters in your precinct.

Raffle Drawing: 50/50 Raffle income: \$182.00.

Credentials Report:

Total in person: 82; Video Conference: 0; Total PC Guest Sign-ins: 1; Overall total of PCs: 83; Current PC Total: 514; Minimum quorum (10%): 52 in-person attendees; quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda:

No objections to the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Rules:

No objections to the rules.





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Approval of August 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes

No objections to minutes.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Tom Tunget, chair of Bylaws Committee, introduces two amendments to the Bylaws to be voted on in the October District Meeting.
- Dana Vander Waal motions to have a resolution that censures Jeff DeWit; Seconded Jeff French; No Debate; Majority raised their yellow card in favor; 1 voted naye. Resolution passed.
- Dana Vander Waal Motioned for LD3 to officially endorse Donald Trump for US President in 2024; seconded Lisa Kelley; Debate; All in favor raised their yellow voting card. No naves.

Asked for those in office and seeking office to stand and be recognized: Hannah Toth of the Fountain Hills Town Council.

Chairman's Report: Bob Gomez

- Recognizing PCs:
 - Windy Crow – spear headed the first captains meeting; active with school boards; volunteered for committees.
 - Jerry Knorr – spent money from his own pocket had a lot of signs made to defeat the school bond/override measures.
 - Maria DeSautel – MAGA Fridays and leader in gathering names for the petition.
- Board meeting report:
 - Approved funds to go back to original donors that donated over \$50.
 - Approved for letters to be sent to inactive PCs that have not attended meetings in 2022.
- BOS meeting on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 approved to have further scrutiny in approving PCs and removal of PCs. No signatures needed to remove PCs. First time ever that the BOS delayed approving new PCs in over 8 weeks.

Treasurer's Report from August 31, 2023 to September 27, 2023: Kevin Maldonado

Report details are attached.

Summary with main account: Beginning balance on August 30, 2023: \$5,014.01;

Cash at beginning: \$120.00; Total Revenue: \$2,264.24; Total expenses:





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\$3,208.00; Total Loss: \$944.31; Ending balance: \$4,109.70; Cash at end: \$120.00.

Income in this meeting: 50/50 raffle \$182.00; Water sales: \$15.

Had open Mic for PCs to speak for one minute each. There was a sign-up sheet at check-in to allow for a maximum of 5 to speak. Had 1 speaker.

CALL TO ACTION ITEMS FOR THE BODY:

- Contact your neighbors to vote NO on school bond/override measures.
- Complete the Voter Data Agreement tonight.

Motioned to adjourn: Kevin Maldonado; **Seconded:** Joe Parker; **Passed by** acclamation.

Adjournment at 9:00 PM

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws #1

Motion to amend LD 3 Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII, Section C. Policies and Procedures Manual, by adding as a new line item, the words, "**5. The Board may not change or alter any portion of the Policies & Procedures Manual, that has been voted in by the Body, for ninety (90) days after the vote.**"

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING RULES AND PROCEDURES

Section C. Policies and Procedures Manual

1. The Board shall create a Policies & Procedures Manual which at a minimum addresses the following:
 - a. Removal, vacancy, & replacement of a PC, State Committeeman, and/or Precinct Captain.
2. Funding & expenditures.
3. Reporting of Board meetings to the District.
4. The Policies & Procedures Manual shall be posted on the District website or provided electronically upon request of a PC. The Policies & Procedures Manual may be amended by a proposal made by a member of the Board or Body and approved by a majority of the votes cast of the Board or Body. Notification of changes approved by the Board to the Policy and Procedures manual shall be announced at the next District meeting during Officer Reports, in addition to being published on the website.
5. **The Board may not change or alter any portion of the Policies & Procedures Manual, that has been voted in by the Body, for ninety (90) days after the vote.**

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws #2

Motion to amend LD 3 Bylaws, ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT, by;

In Section D Appointed Committees, strike item 1. Finance Committee in its entirety and replace it with the words "There are no Appointed Committees".

Then in Section E Elected Committees, add the following as item 5;

5. Finance Committee:

a. Numbers

- i. The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members. The Body shall nominate and elect the Finance Committee members. The Finance Committee shall elect the committee chairman.
- ii. The Treasurer shall participate as requested by the Finance Committee.
- iii. The District Chair shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee but without voting rights.

b. Removal/Replacement

- i. When a committee member needs to be replaced, the Body shall nominate and elect a replacement from the District PCs.

c. Duties

- i. Periodically review the financial statements of LD 3.
- ii. Assist the Treasurer and District Chair as necessary.
- iii. Conduct an inspection of the District's books upon a change in the person holding the office of Treasurer, after each Statutory Organizational Meeting, and from time to time as reasonably requested by the membership.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT

Section D. Appointed Committees

There are no Appointed Committees

~~1. Finance Committee:~~

~~a. Numbers~~

- ~~i. The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee.~~
- ~~ii. The Treasurer shall participate as requested by the Finance Committee.~~
- ~~iii. The District Chair shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee but without voting rights.~~

~~b. Removal/Replacement~~

- ~~i. When a committee member needs to be replaced, the Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement from the District PCs.~~

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Section E. Elected Committees:

No PC shall serve as Committee Chair on more than one committee.

1. Nominating Committee

a. Numbers:

- i. Nominating Committee shall be at least three (3) but no more than five (5) members to be elected at the District Statutory Organization Meeting. The number of members must be an odd number. The Body shall nominate and elect the Nominating Committee members. The Nominating Committee members shall elect the committee chairman. Their term of office will be for two (2) years including Nominations for the next Statutory Meeting two (2) years hence.
- ii. Election to the Nominating Committee does not preclude the right to run for office other than District Chair.

b. Removal/Replacement:

- i. When a committee member needs to be replaced, the Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement from the District PCs.

c. Duties:

- i. Handle the nomination of:
 - (1) Officers
 - (2) All elected Committees
 - (3) State Committeemen
 - (4) Convention Delegates and the nomination for other elections as may occur during their term of office.

- ii. Recruit qualified candidates for elected positions.
 - iii. Interview potential candidates and make sure they understand the duties and responsibilities of the office they are seeking.
 - iv. Verify eligibility of candidates.
 - v. Nominate all those eligible and desiring to serve.
 - vi. Not to nominate a PC for more than one (1) office simultaneously with an exception for SC.
 - vii. Present the nominations received in written form suitable for use as a Ballot.
 - viii. Participate in the Conduct of Elections process as indicated in the Standing Rules and Procedures. (SEE ARTICLE VIII)
2. Credentials and Tally Committee:
- a. Numbers:
 - i. Credentials & Tally Committee (CTC) shall be seven (7) members. The Body shall nominate and elect the CTC members at the District Statutory Organization Meeting for the following two (2)-year term. The CTC members shall elect the committee chairman.
 - ii. At any time a member of the CTC may be replaced by a majority vote by the body.
 - iii. None of the Committee members shall have been nominated for any other elective position, if possible.
 - iv. CTC members shall not be close relatives of any candidates in the election.
 - v. The District Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the CTC but without voting rights.
 - b. Removal/Replacement:
 - i. When a committee member needs to be replaced, the Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement from the District's PCs.
 - c. Duties:
 - i. Prepare the ballots.
 - ii. Conduct the verification and sign-in registration of eligible PCs.
 - iii. Distribute the corresponding credentials tag.
 - iv. Certify the number of eligible votes in person at close of registration.
 - v. Handle ballot distribution and pickup during voting.
 - vi. Tally and certify the vote count; (See ARTICLE VI Elections, Section F Voting and Elections).
 - vii. Report the voting results to the District Chair for announcement.
 - d. Candidate Observers to the Tally Committee:
 - i. The candidates for District Chair and for First Vice-Chair may designate one representative each, as Tally observers.
 - ii. For any District related election, any PC shall be able to observe in a nonobstructive, nondisruptive manner.
 - iii. If there are more observers than space allows, the CTC Chair shall implement a rotation system to include at least three (3) PC observers at a time to observe up close.
3. Bylaws Committee may be established and shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) District PCs, with current voting status. The Body shall nominate and elect the Bylaws Committee members. The Bylaws Committee members shall elect the committee chairman.
- a. Duties of the Bylaws Committee shall:
 - i. Establish by a motion from the body and authorizing the committee to provide and distribute a draft to the body within the next two district meetings.
 - ii. Research & review proposed amendments to and revisions of the Bylaws.
 - iii. Make recommendations regarding the proposed amendments.
4. A Standing Fundraising Committee (SFC) shall be established and consist of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) District PCs, with current voting status. The Body shall nominate and elect the SFC members. The SFC members shall elect the committee chairman.
- a. Duties of the Fundraising Committee shall include at a minimum:
 - i. Identify fundraising activities and events targeted for a specific purpose.
 - ii. Give regular reports on progress and amounts raised.
 - iii. Give recommendations to the body to vote on use of funds.
 - iv. Coordinate with the Treasurer.
 - v. Investigate ways to financially support worthy candidates.

5. Finance Committee:

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- i. **The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members ~~appointed by the Executive Committee~~ The Body shall nominate and elect the Finance Committee members. The Finance Committee shall elect the committee chairman.**
- ii. **The Treasurer shall participate as requested by the Finance Committee.**
- iii. **The District Chair shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee but without voting rights.**

b. Removal/Replacement

- i. **When a committee member needs to be replaced, the ~~Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, appoint~~ Body shall nominate and elect a replacement from the District PCs.**

c. Duties

- i. **Periodically review the financial statements of LD 3.**
- ii. **Assist the Treasurer and District Chair as necessary.**
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RESOLUTON
TO URGE THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA,
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING TO
APPOINT THE 11 ARIZONA 2024 POTUS ELECTORS

WHEREAS State Legislatures have complete authority over Presidential elections granted via Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, and the full and complete authority granted to the State Legislatures states, “Each State shall appoint, through their Legislature, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress”. However, no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit, shall be appointed an Elector.

WHEREAS the Arizona State Legislature declares its full and complete authority over the manner of the POTUS election granted to them in the United States Constitution under Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2.

WHEREAS history has recently favored the voters themselves voting for Presidential electors; The State has the full and complete authority to change the manner of the POTUS election at any time, and can take back the power to appoint electors. The Right of the legislature to resume the power of choosing the Electors at any time, can neither be taken away nor abdicated.

WHEREAS each SUCCESSIVE State Legislature has EXCLUSIVE power to appoint POTUS Electors, and is independent of the previous legislature, it may select the electors itself, which was the manner used by State Legislatures in several States for many years after the framing of our Constitution.

WHEREAS the last two elections have been riddled with controversy and lawsuits with rules, form and procedures of the election broken which has led to a low public confidence in how elections are run; and public distrust in our elections has been steadily declining and no significant change in election security has been implemented since 2020 to protect the People’s POTUS vote in 2024; and the only way to protect the People’s 2024 POTUS vote is to control the manner of its election; and,

WHEREAS the Supreme court of the United States has repeatedly agreed that the State Legislature has the full and complete authority to change the manner of the POTUS election if it so chooses.

WHEREAS there is nothing in the Arizona Constitution that conflicts with the US Constitution to prohibit or constrain the Arizona State Legislature from using its Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2 authority to change the manner of the POTUS election for 2024; it is therefore,

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RESOLVED, that Legislative District 3 urges the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, to appoint the 11 Arizona 2024 POTUS electors to the Republican Primary winner on day one of the 2024 legislative session; and, that the 2024 POTUS electors will remain appointed, and rescinded only if guaranteed that the Laws and Constitution will be followed, including but not limited to:

1. Obeying the AZ Constitution, Article 7, Section 11 having an Election Day only, by Precinct with proof of citizenship ID, counting via hand count, reporting by precinct, signatures, voter rolls and chain of custody verified and complete, prior to certification of the election.