

Arizona Democratic Party

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Caucus

4th Quarter 2009 Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2009
Kingman, AZ

Officers Present:

Paul Durham, Chair
C.J. Carezza, Secretary
Bob Bland, Treasurer

Members & Guests:

Amanda Simpson, Justin Unga, Trish Rensink, Chris Campas,
Bob Gilby, Mikel Weisser, Alice Hammers, Ken Smith,
Ron Tanner, Jo Kelleher, David Rice, Wayne Manske

Executive Members Present

Sharon Thomas, Regional Advisory Chair

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at (Time Called to order)?

Introductions:

Previous meeting Minutes:

- A Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Amanda Simpson, and seconded by Leonard Walker. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Treasurers Report

- No Formal Report was presented

Committees Reports

- Fundraising
 - We do not have any formal dues, but as always would appreciate donations to the caucus to support the pride and other events that take place throughout the year.
- Membership
 - After our last pride even in Tucson we have topped the 450 mark. We are now represented with members in all but 3 counties
- Rules & Bylaws
 - Barb was unable to attend the meeting due to car problems.
 - Steve Coy has been removed as the Chair of the By-laws Committee as he has chosen to resign from the Democratic party
 - Formally Acknowledged the Jeff Brown was appointed to the Rules & Bylaws Committee at the Tucson Meeting
 - Opened the Floor to nomination for a replacement for the Chair of the Bylaws Committee
 - Wayne Manske Expressed interest
 - No Nominations were made. The Position will remain open in the Interim.
 - Acknowledgement was made that Darrell Tatruck is on retainer with the Party can be consulted with as needed.
 - Justin Unga: Be careful not to micromanage the by-laws, because they can quickly eat up a lot of valuable time.

General Business

- Discussion about a bylaws change that would be in the State Committee General Session to reduce the number of meetings from 4 to 3, and the addition of an executive meeting.
 - Justin U: The reason for the reduction was because there was not enough business at some of the meetings.
 - Bob Bland made a Motion that the Caucus opposes the bylaws. The Motion was Seconded by Sharon Thomas
 - Paul Durham: Meetings should be effective, efficient and rare. The party should be able to get just as much done in 3 as with 4
 - Sharon T: In the Shape AZ Is in, we need more not less.
 - Alice Hamers: The Exec Meeting does not replace the Open Meeting
 - The Call to close discussion was made by Amanda Simpson, and Seconded by C.J. Carena
 - The Motion that the caucus opposes the Bylaws change from 4 to 3 meetings was passed.

- The Following Candidates made brief presentations and introductions
 - Rodney Glassmen- Candidate for US Senate
 - Chris Deschne - Candidate for AZ Sec. Of State

- Phase 1 - Met Goals
 - After completing our first full year we have made significant progress. We have built a solid base of members, both party regulars and outside members. We are now looking at phase 2
- Phase 2 - New Goals / Mission
 - Alice H: We should focus on Equal rights
 - Ron Tanner: Outreach should be a primary goal.
 - Wayne M: There are other caucus' that have expressed desire for equal right, but have not included LGBT in those rights.
 - Sharon T: We should get LGBT persons in other communities to help garner support within their own communities.
 - Leonard Walker: Human Rights are WON. Equal rights are individual bricks that are built upon each other, one by one to reach the level of Human Rights.
 - Alice H: Each generation has a Kicking person
- Paul D: How do we motivate and activate the members we have?
 - CJ C: Host/Sponsor an event with a celebrity
 - Bob B: Get Members to become PC's in their Precincts
 - Paul: Send out info about PC duties and ask those who are interested
 - CJ C: I suggest we put together an ad hoc committee to meet in the interim and develop a preliminary plan for 2010

New Business / Announcements / Other Business

- Next Meeting will be in Phoenix on January 23rd, 2010

Adjournment:

- A Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Durham, and seconded by Leonard Walker. The motion was carried, and meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.