

Arizona Democratic Party
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Caucus
November 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

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Wyndham Hotel, Phoenix

Officers Present:

Paul Durham- Chair
Barb McCullough-Jones Vice Chair
C.J. Carezza- Secretary

Members & Guests:

Lawrence Robinson, Pat George, Mohur Sidhwa, Robert Donat
John Beaulieu, Jeffrey Brown, Justin Unga, Carol Comito
Dan O'Neal, Trish Rensink, Kristen Gwinn, Sheila Ryan
Additional guests may have been present without signing in.

Executive Members Present:

Sharon Thomas Regional Advisory Chair

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Committees Reports:

- Fundraising
 - The Barney Frank event that we helped the state do in September was a success for the party and the state was appreciative that we brought about 1/2 of the 50 people present at the event. The Lunch time fundraiser was held at the offices of Snell & Wilmer and included both Frank and Terry Goddard.
 - "The First Ladies of Drag" event was a success. We had a member donate \$100.00 to help offset the cost of 2 Elton John tickets (\$142.00) that were purchased for a raffle. The Raffle ticket sales totaled \$270.00, for a net raised of \$228.00.
 - \$75.00 was contributed to the MCDP for the booth at Rainbows Festival.
- Membership
 - No Membership report was presented.
- Rules & Bylaws
 - No Rules & Bylaws report was presented.
- Regional Advisory
 - No Regional Advisory Report was presented.

General Business:

- Upcoming January reorganization meeting
 - Paul announced that he will not be running again for chair.
 - In the next election, all Executives Officers will be up for re-election including Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
 - Information about who will be running again and what positions will be open will be published in accordance with the by-laws.
- General Discussion about our goals and strategies for the next election cycle.
 - Jeff Brown - We should use our membership to increase our fundraising.
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 - Carol Comito - Work with the LD and County chairs on better communication between the local level and caucus level.
 - We need to continue our efforts to cross reference our membership with VAN so the State Party can better target Caucus' members.
 - Lawrence Robinson - During the next 2 years, the GOP, led by Sen. Pearce, will likely move forward with propositions such as gay-adoption bans or further marriage discrimination legislation.
 - Paul Durham - we should pick-up where we have left off, on the issue of our ability to endorse candidates, similar to the position the Southern AZ Stonewall Democrats have taken. In addition to candidates, we should discuss the endorsement policy stance on propositions as well.

- Judy Whitehouse is working on her own project that entails using political art, based on the Pre-amble to the Constitution to share in a widespread way the Constitution's principals are greater than freedom and profit. A full copy of her proposal will be attached to these minutes for further review.
- Jeff Brown suggested that a new position of 2nd Vice Chair be added to assist all the officers with their responsibilities, such as fundraising and records keeping.
 - Such a change needs to be a by-laws change, since Jeff is a member of that committee, he will prepare the change and present it to the Rules & Bylaws committee.

New Business / Announcements / Other Business:

- No new business or announcements were presented

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00