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**PIMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2019**

The Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by PCDP Chair Alison Jones at 6:32pm on April 1, 2019 at the Pima County Democratic Party Headquarters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Witthoeft.

Alison asked for a motion that the minutes for the March Executive Committee Meeting be approved as submitted. It was so moved by Kim Holaway, seconded by Eve Shapiro. The motion passed.

New Business

Alison greeted guests present at the meeting and reminded all visitors to be respectful observers. Alison discussed sign in procedures for EC members and the planned procedures to record future roll call votes.

Dustin Williams, the Pima County Schools Superintendent, spoke regarding his work representing Pima County schools, educators, and students. The Arizona Association of County School Superintendents works to influence Arizona Legislators on behalf of their students and employees and puts out a bi-weekly report of their recommended position on proposed legislation in the current session. The Superintendent's office is working with the Pima County Health Department on a program called "The Real Deal on Vaping" which aims to combat the resurgence of nicotine consumption among teenagers in schools.

Chair Report

Alison spoke regarding the March 16th state Executive Committee Meeting where ADP presented their strategic plan with a focus on year round voter engagement and the March 3rd LD Summit to discuss results from midterms and discuss future plans. The March 9th was Treasurer's Training held at PCDP headquarters and it was recommended that all LDs, clubs, and caucuses create an official or unofficial Vice Treasurer position and that another Treasurer's Training will be held in May. Training for new PCs will take place on Saturday, April 27th at PCDP headquarters and LD Leadership training will take place Sunday, April 28th at PCDP Headquarters. The State Committee Meeting will take place on April 13th at Rincon High School.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Matiella, the Treasurer of PCDP, reported the Administrative Balance is \$784.71 and the Operating Balance is \$45,043.10. She then announced that she will be resigning as PCDP

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Treasurer and moving to Maryland to be closer to her family. She strongly urged leaders and active members of the Pima County Democratic Party to value and uplift the voices and the work of people of color. Mary will serve as Treasurer until April 15th. In accordance with PCDP bylaws, Chair Alison Jones has appointed Margaret (Maggie) Winchell as PCDP Treasurer until the next County Committee Meeting. Maggie was recommended by Mary Matiella who noted that Maggie was of great assistance in reconstructing the PCDP finances. Maggie was a CPA prior to her retirement.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Connie DeLarge, PCDP Corresponding Secretary, reported that 23 new PCs were approved in the month of March, giving a total of 502 PCs in Pima County.

Clubs and Caucus Certification

Due to changes in Federal and State law, ADP is recommending that new clubs and caucuses not be certified until there is clarity on this issue. Under the new laws, there is no formal affiliation of clubs and caucuses (which are now considered PACs according to the Secretary of State) with the State, County and LD committees.. ADP is seeking legal guidance on this issue and will advise the counties on an appropriate path forward. Alison stated that PCDP will follow the recommendation of ADP and that there will be no certification of clubs and caucuses until direction is received from ADP. This issue will require Bylaws revisions.

Alison brought forward the topic of PCDP approving \$1,000 and organizing volunteers to operate a table at the Pima County Fair for 2019. Luci Messing volunteered to coordinate the effort. It was moved by Luci Messing that PCDP host a table at the Pima County Fair, it was seconded by Connie DeLarge, and the motion passed. Carol Brown abstained.

Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee—a report by the Committee Chair, Michele Manos, was appended to the agenda.

Community Action Committee

Dana Kormash reported on the Summit View Elementary School food pantry which served over 120 families organized by LD2, reported on a project in LD3 to provide \$250 books to schools with large amounts of children on free and reduced lunch, and efforts to support Fisher House at the VA medical center hospital.

Greer Warren spoke about local community efforts to house, feed, and supply refugees with their basic needs at the former Benedictine Monastery. There are many volunteering opportunities with the Monastery with varying levels of commitment. Anyone planning to volunteer at the Monastery must complete a Safe Environment Training with the Monastery. PCDP sent out an email on how one might volunteer at the monastery.

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It was moved by Joel Feinman that PCDP donates \$100 to the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church Rights Restoration event on June 8th, it was seconded by Connie DeLarge, the motion was passed. The African American Caucus of PCDP is also assisting in this community event which will serve as a right's restoration and voter registration clinic as well as help individuals locate resources for employment and housing and it will take place from 10am to 3pm.

Stonegarden Update

Connor Welton, PCPD Recording Secretary, spoke to the upcoming Pima County Board of Supervisors vote to restore grant funding to Operation Stonegarden which was rejected by the Board of Supervisors last year. Operation Stonegarden is a program wherein Pima County Sheriff's Deputies coordinate with Customs and Border Patrol to detain and deport undocumented neighbors and community members who live here in Tucson.

Announcements

Members were given time to make brief announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.