

## Colorado River Tea Party Minutes March 7, 2024

**Gilbert** called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and read the Mission Statement

**Tim Dunn** gave the Invocation

**Steve Markgark** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Nikki** read the minutes of the last meeting. Arlene made a motion to accept, Don seconded and the motion passed. **Ruth** read the Treasurers Report. Cora Lee made a motion to accept, Neil seconded, motion passed.

**Ways and Means Committee:** Carla mentioned we need volunteers for the Yuma Palms Farmers Market on March 16 for the 8:30 and 11:30 AM shifts. We will be holding a rally at 24<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM to protest the invasion on the border. Bring signs and flags to show your support. We have 3 new items for donation, “Don’t Tread On Me” patches for \$2 and two hat buttons with the Arizona Flag and Conservative Republicans with an elephant for \$2 each.

**Old Business:** We signed up 7 new members and had 7 registrations at the BBQ and Brew Fest, and brought in a large amount of donations for merchandise. We also secured several voter registrations at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Arms Unlimited event.

**New Business:** We will have a booth at the 10<sup>th</sup> Yuma year celebration on April 13 – 10Am-6PM.

**Steve Markgart** is one of our speakers this evening. He is a candidate for AZ House LD 25. He is a conservative who wants to preserve our beautiful state of Arizona. He is tough on the **Border** and said the illegals and drugs coming across the border were a planned invasion. Patriots need to be loud, don’t give up. We need DJT back in the White House. He is an advocate on **Education** which should consist of reading, writing and arithmetic. History and civics should be required in the curriculum and the Pledge of Allegiance needs to be included. His views on the **Election Process** are that we need to go back to one day voting, paper ballots and no mail in ballots.

**Tim Dunn** is our featured speaker tonight. He served in the AZ House for 12 years and is now running as a candidate for the AZ Senate. He was born and raised in Yuma with a strong background in farming, agriculture and Vice President of the Farm Bureau. He thinks the **Border** is a disaster and is trying to change the felony criteria bill for illegals and drug dealers. He is a strong advocate of the **Bathroom Issue** and we need good and strong board members to resolve this situation. **Inflation** is out of control. He introduced a bill in the House with Ben Toma to implement a 2% flat tax which just went into effect. He introduced a bill on ballot harvesting and if a person is convicted they cannot run for or hold office. Mr Dunn currently has 25 bills going to the Senate. Hobbs has vetoed 32 bills and passed just 24 from the House to the Senate. She vetoes everything that would help the people of Arizona. Representative Dunn is asking for your vote for Senate based on his experience over these past 12 years in the House.

**Good of the Order:** Greg Wilkinson – Republican GOP Chair, spoke to us about a rally in Somerton for LD23 Michele Pena and Michelle Atherr on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-4 PM. Food will be served. Start your day at the border rally at 9 AM in downtown Yuma then head on down to Somerton for the LD23 rally at noon. Greg said there are 36 delegates from Yuma with only 20% currently registered. Neil gave us an update on the latest “Forbidden Information”. Jeff Stoner, candidate for Yuma School Board District 1, has campaign signs to pick up on your way out. Gilbert said we will not have a booth at the county fair but you can still get involved in other events taking place. Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nikki Pollard - Secretary

