

Colorado River Tea Party Minutes May 16, 2024

Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Tanya gave the Invocation.

Neil led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nikki read minutes from 5/2 meeting. Arline made a motion to accept, Neil seconded, motion passed

Ruth gave the Treasurers report. The CRTP donated a garden stone to Bonnie Knight in remembrance of Gary Knight. Carla made a motion to accept the report, Arline seconded and the motion passed.

Gilbert mentioned Mike Shelton, City Councilman is in the hospital and needs a kidney donation.

Scholarship Awards:

Gilbert presented a \$200.00 check to **Aloria Knizley**, nominated on behalf of Nancy Smith, President of the **Rio Colorado Women's Republican Party**. Aloria, is 2023 past president of the Young Republican Teens and is pursuing a degree in Art and Graffic Design.

Gilbert presented a \$200.00 check to **Howard Blitz**, founder of the **Freedom Library**, serving the Yuma community for the past 28 years. Howard will conduct classes on the US Constitution and Economics starting August 13-15 and a July 4th event from 9:30-10:30 at the Library, 2035 S Arizona Avenue.

Ways and Means: Carla said we have new necklaces and pins in.

Old Business:

- * Gilbert said Gary Knight was honored beyond belief at his Celebration of Life.
- * Ruth is the chairman of the CRTP Voter Registration committee.
- * May 27th – Ocean to Ocean Bridge Wreath Ceremony 8:30 AM at Gateway park. Ruth's friend has made a silk wreath that the CRTP will present at the 10 AM Desert Lawn Cemetary service.
- * June 6 meeting – Debate with candidates for LD25. Mike Carbone, Nick Kupper, Steve Markgart will be present. Penny Pew is the monitor for the debate. Volunteers needed to set up at 5 PM.

New Business:

- * Juneteenth Celebration - June 15, 6:30-10:30 PM at Carver Park. The CRTP will have a tent set up.
- * Tanya Wright is our new Admin for our Facebook page and also editor of the CRTP Newsletter. Ruth and Gilbert will assist her with the Facebook page.

Al Torgerson and **Sid Byrd** with Tactical Civics are our featured speakers this evening. Tactical Civics is a Christian organization with 5000 members in 1300 counties embracing Constitutional Enforcement through "We The People". They are taking back the control and authority of the things we gave away. Both men have extensive business backgrounds and are representing the state of Arizona. They presented a 15 minute video and asked we the Tea Party to get involved locally with their organization. Join for \$5.00 a month and receive free educational information on how to get involved with your local community to take our country back. There are 3 problems to address and 3 solutions. Spiritual, Legal and Political. We have turned our backs on God..No one is enforcing our Constitution, Criminality is in every level of government, state and federal. We need small representative districts to make our legislatures do their duty and restore authority of the people. The website is tacticalcivics.com.

Good of the Order:

- * Melba Alvarez spoke briefly. She is the state GOP Director and Regional Director on Trump's team.
- * Jeff Stoner & David Ibarra will speak at the Baptist Church Mesa Drive foothills - May 21st at 7 PM.
- * Neil highlighted his Forbidden Information flyer and Gilbert closed the meeting in prayer.

Gilbert asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nikki Pollard - Secretary

