## Colorado River Tea Party Minutes May 2, 2024

**Gilbert** called the meeting to order at 610 PM and read the Mission Statement

Mayor Nicholls gave the Invocation

**Nick Kupper** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Nikki** read the minutes of the last meeting. Cora Lee made a motion to accept, motion seconded and the motion passed. **Ruth** gave the Treasurers report. Motion made to accept and seconded. The motion passed. We had 3 first time attendees tonight and 3 officials present.

## **Scholarship Award:**

Gilbert and the Executive Board presented a \$200.00 scholarship to Anthony Carlos Garcia, a student from **Welding Like A Girl.** Founder and Life coach, Shanen Aranmor spoke to the Tea Party about this unique trade school which is a culmination of of a lifetime of wellness, mental health and technical welding experience for women and men.

## **New Business:**

June 6 - LD25 Debate with Nick Kupper, Michael Carbone and Steve Markgart

June 20 – David Lara – Candidate for Yuma County Recorder

Neil is arranging for Al Tarkinson to speak from Tactical Civics

**Mayor Doug Nicholls**, a featured speaker tonight, spoke to us about the Celebration for Life for Gary Knight at the Yuma Historic Theater on Friday. Mayor Nicholls had a close friendship with Gary and will be one of the keynote speakers. Yuma has a strong City Council but the city needs to fill this vacancy within 30 days. He also spoke about the Lizard Habitat and said when the wall was built it displaced the lizards and the government wants to take Yuma residential land to provide a habitat for the lizards. Local government is fighting back on this issue. Yuma county sued for water rights to prevent more water going to Queen Creek. The judge agreed and it will be challenged.

**Nick Kupper**, candidate LD25. Nick has had a 19 year career in the Air Force. He was confronted in 2021 with taking the "jab" and refused. The Air Force was ready to prepare separation papers and end his career until Tucker Carlson, Jim Jordan and Matt Gaetz got involved and said he can't be fired. He retired with benefits in 2023. Nick is a strong conservative and believes in God, The Constitution, Morals and Convictions and strongly opposes the WHO and the UN. He is one of the four candidates competing for this position and will be at our Tea party debate on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Good of the Order:

- \* Ruth thanked the election volunteers. She is now the Election Registration chair for the CRTP and will be helping Bonnie Knight with legal and personal matters after Gary's passing.
- \* Jeff Stoner has enough signatures to run for the School Board District 1 but needs more to make sure what he has are not jeopardized. Teachers are paying for their supplies, district should be paying for all supplies. Biden is changing the boys in girls bathrooms Title IX on August 1. We can't allow this. Attorneys are suing. This is a states issue. Jeff will also be speaking with David Ibarra on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM at the Foothills Baptist Church (40<sup>th</sup> St. And Mesa Dr) for a Meet and Greet.
- \* Neil addressed important items on his "Forbidden Information" flyer and reminded us of the precinct meeting for the foothills at Jimmy K's May 13<sup>th</sup> 8AM.

Gilbert closed the meeting in prayer and asked for a motion to adjourn. Carla made a motion, Neil seconded and the motion passed at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Pollard - Secretary