

Colorado River Tea Party Minutes April 18, 2024

Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6 PM, gave the invocation and read the Mission Statement.

Gilbert announced Tea Party website www.CRTP-Yuma.com email address CRTP@yahoo.com

Sheriff Wilmot led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Arline made a motion to waive reading of the minutes, Tom seconded, motion passed..

Ruth made a motion to waive Treasurers Report, Arline seconded, motion passed

There were 9 Officials present this evening and 6 first time attendees.

Old Business:

- * Yuma 110th Celebration - We made \$546.00 in merchandise donations, 7 voter registrations, 4 new members with 2 switching from democrat and 2 full petition pages signed on bathroom issue.

- * Loren has a sympathy card to sign for Bonnie Knight. Ruth will be reaching out to her for the CRTP.

New Business:

- * June 6 Meeting – Debate LG 25 – candidates Michael Carbone, Steve Markgart, Nick Kupper.

- * May 2 Meeting - Mayor Nicholls will be our featured speaker. CRTP Scholarships will be given out.

- * New **Voter Registration** banners purchased for our events in English/Spanish for \$150.00.

- * Ruth is in charge of voter registration for the CRTP. Cora Lee is retiring as our Facebook Admin & Ruth is the new administrator with help from Tanya.

Rick Colwell, is one of tonight's speakers. Rick is running for a second term for Yuma County Recorder. He has an extensive and varied background with the U.S. Army, YPG, Police Department, Chief Deputy Superior Court and Yuma County Recorder. His message is transparency, efficiency and integrity. He said don't think you can change everything when you take office. Watch and learn and be honest enough to say you don't know. Stay neutral and apolitical.

Macayle Fuchs, Legislative Assistant for Military Affairs for Congressman Paul Gosar, DDS spoke tonight about supporting our veterans. There are 5,700 Arizona Vets and 5.7 million in the U.S with service connected disabilities. She is supporting the Veterans Safe Travel Act which will allow our vets with severe disabilities to have TSA pre check for veterans who are blind, paralyzed, amputees or require mobility pads. She brought up FISA warrentless searches and that there were 23,000 spied on at J6. The government is using VA funds to process illegals and pay for their health care. Our taxes are going to illegals not our vets.

Penny Pew is Congressman Gosar's District Director, Intergovernmental Affairs Director and a favorite speaker at our meetings. She is a staunch and tough supporter of all our veterans. Gilbert said he contacted her when his friend had jungle rot and agent orange and the VA was not responding to his need for help. He contacted Penny and soon after his friend got his benefits. She also helped Ruth with the benefits her husband Rich deserved. Penny said she is not afraid to tell the VA to "quit waiting for the vet to die and get the packet off your desk". She advised to never stop calling and emailing your reps. Be involved and be bold. Sign up for Congressman Gosar's newsletter published every Sunday. You will see how much he represents his constituents and responds to their positive and negative comments. His latest accomplishment is HR 1829 where he has set up a veterans home and community center in Gila County.

Michael Pena, House Representative LD23 said she is running again not challenged and thanked the Tea Party members for getting her on the primary ballot.

Sheriff Wilmot updated us on the border crisis. He said all sheriffs just met in El Paso. Yuma processed 34,000 illegals this year October-Present. 81% are not Mexicans and these are from 115 different countries. 1,500 getaways 4% UM's. Pima county is busing people to Yuma. The government will not reimburse 24 million to Yuma hospitals. He is running again for Yuma County sheriff.

Good of the Order:

Dr. Doniparthi spoke about the physician shortage locally. There have been no new physicians in the past 2 years. Yuma does not want to support residency programs. He also spoke to us about healthy foods we should eat and especially healthy and unhealthy fats. A flyer was passed out with more detailed information entitled "Let Food Be Thy Medicine".

Loren said he gleaned 1500 signatures at the Yuma County Fair for the boys in girls bathrooms and boys in girls sports petition. We now have 2400 signatures.

Gilbert auctioned off a red, white and blue ceramic bird, a pair of patriotic flag pillows and a unique challenge coin money star with stand.

Gilbert asked for a motion to adjourn. Cora Lee made a motion, Arline seconded and the motion passed at 8:40 PM. We all waddled out into a pleasant Yuma spring evening after filling our plates with a variety of delicious food and stimulating food for thought.

Respectfully Submitted
Nikki Pollard - Secretary