## Colorado River Tea Party Minutes February 15, 2024

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

**Sheriff Lamb** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Nikki** read minutes from 2/1/24. Cora Lee made a motion to accept, Jim seconded, motion passed. **Nikki** read the Treasurers report for Ruth, Big Wayne made a motion to accept, Neil seconded, motion passed. We had 9 new attendees at our meeting this evening and one official. **Legislative Report:** Jim said there were 3 assault gun bills sent to the Supreme Court. Hawaii has outlawed 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

**Ways and Means Report:** Carla said we need a volunteer to fill a slot from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at the Yuma Farmers Market this Saturday. There is no market on March 2 but we will be at the market on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Set up time for the Barbecue and Brew Festival is 10 AM on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a 2 day event and volunteers are needed to help out. We have new hats and merchandise to offer.

**Old Business:** There were 3,000 patriots that showed up at Britain Farms for the border rally. Gilbert reported that it was an energetic peaceful rally, no flags burned and no riots. Gilbert attended the Fentanyl Meeting. There were 10 officers and civilians. It was reported that kids are now vaping fentanyl.

**Chris Larson** is one of our featured speakers this evening. He is a candidate for the Yuma High School Governing Board. Chris is a Christian, conservative preachers kid from a Marine family and an Education/Teaching family. He has taught kids from kindergarten to college. He is a staunch believer that schools should not interfere with parents rights as they are in charge of their children. Schools are there to educate our students and protect students from harm. The superintendent of schools is in charge of the curriculum but the board still has indirect power.

**Sheriff Mark Lamb** is our primary featured speaker and is a prominent Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. This seat is currently held by independent Krysten Sinema. He has served as sheriff for Pinal County since 2017, the third largest county in Arizona. He said the four issues facing us in the USA are the border, the economy, crime and national security. He has the most boots on the ground experience on the border and fighting crime. Military aged men are coming in, as many as 10,000 a day which is increasing our crime rate and affecting our national security. He is an advocate for cracking down on illegal immigration and drug smuggling, calling for the military to wipe them out. The greatest national security issue is the border. The economy is a serious issue, having gone from \$764,000,000 to 1.1 trillion is one year. He manages over 500 employees and has a balanced budget. He is guided by God, Family, Freedom and the Constitution. His website is sherifflamb.com.

Neil concluded the evening highlighting information on his "Forbidden Information". Gilbert asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Cecil made a motion, Jim seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Pollard - Secretary