

Democrats of Casa Grande

November 11th, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. by Judee Jackson who welcomed all in attendance and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judee introduced our speaker, Dr. Teresa Leyba Ruiz who is running for Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Ruiz is a fourth generation Arizona native and is the first in her family to graduate from college. She started her career as a math teacher and has taught at the Junior High, High School and College level. She has a Master's and PhD. She served as President of Glendale Community College, resigning to run for Public Office. She will be running against either Tom Horne, the incumbent, or Kimberly Yee.

If elected she promises to end all current lawsuits brought against Arizona schools by Tom Horne. She will work to limit the voucher program and to stop the practice of automatic approvals of voucher requests less than \$2000. She also noted the importance of educator recognition and appreciation and will start a program to do this.

She discussed the current teacher shortage and specifically the impact on rural school districts. Donations to her campaign can be made via her website.

Club Business

The membership approved the minutes on a motion by Deb H. and a second by Cindy G. as well as the financial report was approved on a motion by Mike B. and a second by Karen P.

Dues Change

Annual dues will increase from \$20 to \$30 annually as of January 1, 2026. The new amount will be charged when you renew. The Board made this difficult decision after monitoring our available funds this year. We see that we are spending more than we are bringing in. The current meeting space is a \$100 monthly expense. We often do not bring in this amount with our dues and donations. Therefore, we must increase our funds.

In the coming year we will work to develop ways to raise money for our work in the community and will be seeking feedback from our members. As always, the donation cup is out at all meetings. Any and all sizes of donations are appreciated and used to cover our expenses and expand our presence in the community.



Announcements at meetings

In an effort to best manage our time at our meetings, we will be limiting announcements to 3 minutes. Please connect with the DCG Chair prior to the meeting (if possible by email or telephone call) if you wish to make an announcement.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor will no longer be posted on the DCG website. Recognizing that that even within our Club, we have a wide range of views and opinions on issues. The Letters to the Editor that have been posted on our website have resulted in some feedback that has questioned the accuracy and position of the letters. Our Board is unable to dedicate the time to fact checking the LTE's, therefore, they will no longer be posted on our website.

Food Drive

The Food Drive will continue through the December meeting. Please bring food to the meeting and it will be delivered to the Casa Grande Food Bank.

Club Elections


Per our bylaws, elections for the Vice Chair and Treasurer are conducted in even numbered years and are elected every two years.


Judee Jackson, announced that due to health reasons, she will be stepping down as Chairperson. Therefore, in December, elections will be held for Chairperson, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Please consider serving and help our Club to grow.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee reported on the Veterans Day Parade and Halloween Harvest events. Both were very successful and they will continue to look for events for the DCG to participate in and also to partner with other organizations to keep costs low.





Stakeholder Committee

Michael reported that they will begin selling water for \$1 per bottle at our monthly meetings. All proceeds will be donated back to the Club. They also reported that they recently attended a RAZE Training. They learned of various safety precautions protestors should be aware of to protect themselves at protests. He recommended we consider scheduling a mini-training for one of our Club meetings.

Hot Topics

The attendees were divided into small groups to brainstorm hot topics statewide. The results will be used for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting is December 9, 2025.

