

LD18 Democrats General Meeting February 11, 2019

At Kyrene Del Pueblo Middle School, Janie Hydrick, Chairperson

Workgroups – see tables in the back – lots of ways to get involved – fill out a volunteer form!

Decadent Delights! Saturday – 2/16 – see website or handout

Minutes for all past meetings are on the LD18 Website

Treasurer's report – balance is almost \$11K – we are ramping up for a big election season in 2020

Fundraising Report - Recurring Donations – the core of our fundraising helps us do what we did last cycle, open an office and coordinate all of our volunteers.

SMAC – check in on Facebook!

PC recruitment – See Carmen Alexander – neighborhood walks, become a PC, RTS – is a powerful tool

YDs – Cameron Adams updates on what our YDs are doing

Voter Registration – David Boyle – organizing voter registration training and events

Tamara Durot – Political Action committee -Get involved and let's elect Dems!

Rebecca Hinton – Dems Give Back – our conscience! We adopted 2 parks, supporting Kyrene Resource Center – packing bags with toiletries for HS kids in need. East Valley Environmental Group 3/16

Laurie Nerat – Blue Directory so you can support Dem friendly businesses. April Spring Fling and Easter Parade. Watering Hole Wednesdays

Guest Speakers:

Representative Mitzi Epstein – Slow start – and so many bills yet to come. Watch RTS – 2 bad Predatory Lending bills, Fin-Tech, big purple committee – bi-partisan – data we can agree on.

Representative Jennifer Jermaine – Bills: expand hate crime definition to cover trans individuals, teacher support, murders of indigenous women and girls, black mothers' forum – juvenile Miranda.

Senator Sean Bowie – ban conversion therapy, expand discrimination protections for LGBT, more school counselors, community college grants, suicide prevention training in jh and sh students, voting rights at risk – 2 bills that should not pass, voucher expansions (again!)

Q&A – Petitions online? Additional fees on electric cars, gas tax increases, \$32 fee, parkland shooting anniversary – introduced bill for more access to mental health facilities. No bi-partisan support to close gun sale loopholes. AZ is one of 3 states that does not have a handsfree device law. ERA – will it get a hearing?

See handouts for ways to help asylum seekers – through MCDP.

Candidates will be doing meet/greet before and after meetings at tables around our meeting room.

Next meeting – March 4 – March for our Lives (not our usual 2nd Monday due to Spring Break).

Bada Bing Raffles!

More than 100 attendees!