

## **23<sup>rd</sup> LD Meeting Minutes (hybrid) – October 25, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Val Torrens

Laurie Kadet read the Land Acknowledgement and Shannon Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda was approved. Minutes for July – September were not available and will be voted on at the next LD meeting.

Elected officials Poulso City Councilman Ed Stern, LD State Representatives Greg Nance and Tarra Simmons were recognized.

Chair opened the floor to anyone who wished to honor/share their thoughts about former Poulso City Councilwoman and State Representative Sherry Appleton. Ed Stern, Tarra Simmons, Shannon Turner, Jim and Ginger Sommerhauser all spoke about their memories about Sherry and were acknowledged by all in attendance. Hannie Baxter shared photos of Sherry with many well-known Democrats at various functions provided by members of the LD.

Shannon shared that health care will be the focus of the next marginalized communities panel. They are working getting speakers for the event which will be held in February.

Chair Val said that the LD will be holding a caucus in March that will allow for in-depth discussions on various topics of interest to the LD. Another important component of the caucus was explained by Ginger which is that the caucus plays a part in determining who will be a delegate to the national convention.

Representative Simmons reviewed the areas of interest for her in the upcoming legislative session and said she will be attending the November meeting to further discuss issues with the LD.

Chair Val said there will be no organized LD holiday gathering and encouraged folks to attend the one the County Dems were having.

Under Reports, Carollynn Zimmers and Laurie Kadet provided updates on the races in the current election cycle. Michael Achey made a pitch for the newly created IT committee: he wants LD members to help him with the equipment and programs that are used by the LD. They will be a resource for use by the LD and members.

Leyiom Preciado announced that the YDKP will be having a Halloween party on October 30 and all are welcome to attend. Contact her for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.