

Minutes Pebble Creek Democratic Board Meeting

August 27, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Milan Room

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:30, by President Barber. Jim Sheard, Frankie Veltri, Tammy Dana-Bashian, Gillian Driscoll, Charlotte Krause, and Sheryl Archer were in attendance.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda** – No additions to the agenda were requested
- 3. Minutes from Board Meeting May 28, 2025** – No additions or corrections to the minutes were requested.
- 4. Financial Statement – Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian** – The financial report was accepted by the Board.
- 5. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Program Committee: – Charlotte Krause Chair**
 - i. Review Upcoming Programs – There was discussion and agreement on the proposed scheduled programs.
 1. Sept 3 – Ricardo Reyes, Common Defense (veterans)
 2. Oct 8 – Nicki Indivacitch. Save our Schools
 3. January 7 – Nick Mansour, Candidate for AZ State Treasurer
 4. Other Speakers
 - b. Social Committee – Frankie Veltri**
 - i. We will be adding other events that will be offered to members if they want to participate, i.e., KAX Theater- Stir Crazy Comedy Club etc.
 - ii. The following events were discussed and supported by the Board:

2025

October 25, 2025 – Tuscany Falls Ballroom – Roaring Twenties – Agreement to charge \$45 for participants at the event.

November 6, 2025 – Chianti Room- Friend's Giving Women's Luncheon

November 12, 2025 – Chianti Room- Veterans Day Celebration

November 11, 2025-Sunrise Park- Veterans Day Celebration

December – Christmas Women's Luncheon

Planning Progressive Dinners – Wine and Cheese Evenings

2026

February 6th – Tuscany Falls Ballroom-Mardi Gras

February (DTD) – Spaghetti Factory- Mystery Murder Theater

March (DTD) – Goodyear Ballpark – Spring Training

April 10, 2026- Sunrise Park-Picnic

May 1, 2026 – Chianti Room- Ladies Kentucky Derby

October 30, 2026 – Tuscany Falls Ballroom-Halloween

November 6, 2026 – Chianti Room-Friend's Giving

November 11, 2026-Chianti Room-Veterans Celebration

2027

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- iii. Frankie shared with the group the recent changes regarding contracting for catering for events in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom and Chianti Room. The group expressed concern with changes in the timelines for determining the number of participants at events, as well as changes in pricing. Frankie has written an email to the Catering Department expressing our concerns. Frankie and Tammy were going to follow up with a meeting. Following the meeting, Frankie was informed that the contractual items that we were concerned with were being modified to return to the original terms we had enjoyed in the past.
- iv. There was also discussion regarding the pricing for social events. It was agreed that the Club would generally charge participants at a rate that would cover the catering costs, and have the Club absorb the other costs associated with the event, such as DJ, decorations, etc.

c. Political Committee – Marsha Wallick Chair

- i. Issue Groups and Posters Status
- ii. Club Updates – Advocacy Project from Grand Dems – Diana Wiedower helping to send emails on this weekly
- iii. Calling for AEVL
- iv. PCs for PebbleCreek Precinct – Still need 2 Committeepersons
- v. Social Media

d. Membership – Sheryl Archer

- i. There was discussion about addressing the timing of collecting dues and the timeline for when the year of the dues begins. It was noted that it is awkward to have individuals pay their dues in September, and then in October begin the dues collection for the following year. After discussion, Jim Sheard moved and Frankie seconded a motion to have dues collected beginning September 1 be applied to the balance of the current year and the entire following year. As such, dues collected at our September 3 meeting would cover membership in the Club for the balance of 2025 and all of 2026.
- ii. It was also discussed that we would begin notifying only current members of Club meetings and other Club communication that is sent to members effective September 1.
- iii. In the future, the Club would collect dues beginning September 1 through December 31 for membership for the subsequent year. Members would be given a grace period to pay dues through January 31. After that date, only paid current members of the Club would receive Club communications. Individuals could pay their dues after that date and upon payment of dues would be re-activated to receive Club communications.

e. Community Outreach – Judy Hart – No report was given.

f. Communication – Gillian Driscoll – There was discussion regarding the status of articles for the PC Post.

- i. Consideration of Starting a Sub-Stack – Gillian indicated that she had begun Sub-Stack and would report on progress with it at future meetings.
- ii. There was also discussion that we should try to add some humor to our meetings to support our members.

g. Veteran's Service Committee – Chuck Veltri – It was discussed that Chuck would present a report at the General Meeting on the creation and purpose of the Veteran's Service Committee. There was also discussion regarding one of the first activities of the Committee was adoption of two schools and collecting school supplies for them. It was noted that the Community Outreach Committee had agreed for this effort to be absorbed by the Veteran's Service Committee, particularly so that it could be accomplished before school started in the fall.

6. LD 29 Update – Charlotte noted that the LD 29 meeting scheduled for September 17 at the Goodyear Library. She also cited the meeting of the PebbleCreek Precinct Committee persons that she had hosted at her home on August 23. The group had supported her suggestion that we adopt an adjoining precinct to try and identify Democratic Leadership from within that precinct who would support and serve as a catalyst for promoting the election of Democrat Candidates and issues. A subsequent meeting is scheduled for September 20 to move forward with contacting strong Democratic Voters within the adjacent precinct. Charlotte also noted the accomplishment of having Democratic Candidates identified for the LD 29 state offices, CD 9 office, and statewide offices.

7. New Business

- a. Suspending Saturday breakfasts for summer – Restarting Saturday Breakfasts will begin in October**
- b. Impersonating Club Members and Sending E-mails** – Vicki shared with the group that we have had some fraudulent activity of someone impersonating Club Leadership and sending emails to members asking them to purchase gift cards for the Club. She noted that an email was sent to all members cautioning them regarding this issue, as well as notifying the PebbleCreek HOA and the Goodyear police regarding the concern.

8. Old Business

- a. Website – Status of issues** – Renee was not able to attend the meeting. However, she sent information to note the following:
 - i. Since our last meeting she added a new feature to the website, namely, membership reports. They can be found under Admin Help > Membership > Reports.

There are five dynamically-generated reports:

- 1. Registered Active Members
 - 2. Unregistered Active Members
 - 3. Pending Members
 - 4. Registered Website User Emails Not in Membership List
 - 5. Registration Log (updates every time someone new registers or attempts to register)
- ii. In addition, whenever someone attempts to register, the system now checks the Participants Database to make sure they have requested membership and have paid. If not, it will display an error message and provide instructions on how to request membership.
 - iii. The group expressed appreciation for these ongoing improvements to the website. It was also noted that we would request Renee to update the administrative instructions regarding these features.
- b. Other** – There was no additional business brought up at the meeting.

9. Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2025

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.