

Pebble Creek Democratic Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2026

- President Barber called the meeting to order at 9:30am. All board members present except the treasurer. President thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.
- Additions to the Agenda: None
- Minutes from Board Meeting from January 28, 2026 – any corrections/additions, please advise Alisa Moore.
- Treasurer’s Report:
 - Report was previously distributed. Acceptance moved by Barb, seconded by John, motion carried.
 - Club’s Financial Review has been conducted and met professional standards. This information will be provided to the Club through one of the slides.
- Committee Reports:
 - a. Program Committee: – Charlotte Krause Chair. Upcoming Club Meeting speakers:**
 - i.** March 4 - LD 29 Candidates Eric Stafford (LD 29 Senate Candidate) (signatures collected and Clean candidacy moneys collected) and Christine Scianna (LD 29 House Candidate) and CD 9 Candidate Dani Sterbinsky. (Both still need some signatures and \$5 contributions.
 - ii.** Maricopa County Democratic Party will have a short presentation on Need for Election Assistance.
 - iii.** Dr. Michael Butts, Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction will be introduced at the meeting, as will the representative(s) from Gather to speak about the No Kings Rally on March 28.
 - iv.** April 1 – Mariana Sandoval, LD 23 AZ House Representative and Colleagues discussing AZ Budget Information. Mariana has a huge district from Goodyear to Yuma so her presentation should be very interesting.
 - v.** May 6 – Discussion – Charlotte indicated that she would like to invite Francesca Martin from Keep AZ Blue for the May 6 meeting. She has seen her speak and she is excellent in explaining how her group is working with college age Democrats. Other possibilities include the Superintendent of West-MEC, Dr Scott Spurgeon who is a dynamic speaker on community college training. Questions were raised as to the appropriateness of the timing of those speakers, given that, unless we schedule summer meetings (and even if we do) the May meeting is most likely to be

our last meeting prior to everyone returning in the fall, just prior to the drive to get voters out for the election.

- vi.** Discussion Regarding June, July, August Potential Meetings: Consider topics like the initiatives on the November ballot, including the possibility of one regarding putting the voucher program into the AZ Constitution. Really depends on who we can get to speak since the club members who vote will likely be here for one or more of the meetings.
- vii.** September 2 – Kris Mayes, AZ Attorney General
- viii.** October 7 – Adrian Fontes, AZ Secretary of State – still want to get Adrian for the rally on 9/19. Having trouble getting Hobbs’ folks to respond. We need to hear from her and to schedule her and/or a surrogate from the campaign.
- ix.** November 4– Discussion Regarding Following Election. Board decided not to move the meeting date. Ideas for a good speaker for the day after the election – Robert McWorter, Esq. (Constitutional Law attorney). Frankie said she would check to see if we could even get the ballroom on election night (Nov. 3) in case the Board makes a different decision.
- x.** December 2 – Discussion – wrap-up? Review for 2027?

b. Social Committee – Frankie Veltri Chair

- i.** Frankie distributed an updated Social Calendar for 2026.
- ii.** Review of Mardi Gras – very well received, great time, King & Queen were so pleased to be recognized.
- iii.** Spring Training Ballgame – March 2 Goodyear (40 seats)
- iv.** March 17th – St Patrick’s Day Women’s Luncheon at Old Chicago
- v.** March 19th – Potluck Appetizer Cul-de-Sac get together, 3pm-6pm, host: Judy Hart
- vi.** Annual Sunrise Picnic – April 10 (\$5 per attendee), Social Committee will provide the salads and Board members are asked to bring desserts.
- vii.** May 1 - Ladies Kentucky Derby luncheon, Chianti Room, \$30/attendee
- viii.** May 21 – New Carpa Theater Co, Post 41, performance of history, civil rights and patriotism here in Phoenix. \$11/attendee. Luncheon to be organized.
- ix.** Nov. 6 – Diamonds & Denim Dinner Dance, Tuscany Falls Ballroom
- x.** Nov. 11 – Veterans Celebration?

c. Political Committee – Marsha Wallick Chair

- i.** No Kings Rally – March 11 at 6:00pm at Rudy’s for Volunteers to Assist. – sign-up at March 4 meeting. 2000+ expected to attend

the rally. There will be three tables – First Aid, Directions/Questions, Water with wagons to distribute bottles. Volunteers will also monitor the event and have vests and walkie-talkies. Real focus is de-escalation if problems arise.

Event March 28 – 9:00 to 11:00am

- ii. Petition Project Status – in good shape
- iii. Candidate Contact Information – posted on the website
- iv. ICE in Surprise – no update, the Council received 8000 comments
- v. Update on Student Intern Proposal from Estrella Mountain College in Avondale for a GOTV effort for younger voters: \$500 raised through the Club, \$910 from members and \$250 from the LD, so the project is moving forward.

d. Membership – Sheryl Archer

- i. Follow up regarding Website Assistance at General Meeting – had about three at the February meeting
- ii. Further Actions to get Everyone on the Website – Sheryl sending emails. Renee is looking into the Email button on the website because it does not do anything currently.

e. Community Outreach – Judy Hart Chair

- i. Committee collected 216 pounds and \$200 for the Humane Society in February
- ii. The Club donated 585 pounds total in February.
- iii. There is no specific focus for upcoming meetings but she welcomes ideas and will advise if there is another charity identified. We currently support 14 community organizations, including donating tech equipment to local schools when we receive such donated items.

f. Communication – Kirk Brown Chair

- i. Ideas for Articles - Upcoming events or ideas, please contact him.
- ii. It was suggested that getting a photo of the bundles for babies collection for the Veteran Services Committee at the March 4 meeting might be a fun basis for an article for the PC Post.

g. Veteran Services – Chuck Veltri Chair

- i. March Bundles for Babies – we will collect at the March meeting. Nimble Knitters group donated boxes of baby blankets, hats and little shirts. Luke does this collection monthly depending on birth rates at the AFB.
- ii. March 7 Flag Retirement Service – collection at Ace Hardware
- iii. May Goodyear Historic Farms Cleanup

- iv. August School Supply Donation Program
 - v. October Operation Kids – They are looking for volunteers to assist with this event which guides children of airmen going overseas on deployment with a similar experience so they are more comfortable with what their parent will be experiencing.
 - vi. Nov/Dec Community of Caring – Lattie Coor – collection for holiday gifts like last year
 - vii. Armed Forces Plaza at Eagle’s Nest – Pavers 9x12=\$105 and 6x9=\$75. Pavers installed in April or May before Memorial Day. Barb moved, Alisa seconded that the Club spend \$105 for a paver, motion carried. Barb will get a photo.
- **September 19 – West Valley Democratic Rally Update**
 - Meeting held on 2/16 – Vicki has distributed the minutes from the meeting. Lots to do and more organizational meetings will be scheduled
- **LD 29 Update**
 - Meeting is March 18 at Georgia Lord Library in Goodyear
 - Focus will be on volunteer opportunities and sign-ups for the elections this year
- **Old Business**
 - Training for Leadership Team – Completed 2/17
- **New Business**
 - Bob Wiedower requested that the Board consider providing political giving guidelines for members. After extensive questions and discussion, the Board decided to create a Giving Committee to explore the ideas, with Bob, John, Alisa, Vicki and Charlotte on the committee.
- **Next Board Meeting: March 25, 2026**
- **Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alisa Sparkia Moore, Secretary