

Pebble Creek Democratic Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2026

- President Barber called the meeting to order at 9:30am. All board members and chairs were present. President thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.
- Additions to the Agenda: Discussed the issue raised by previous speaker Dr. Terry Ruiz when she was contacted to confirm participation in the May 2026 club meeting. Her staff person mentioned that she had been harassed at the previous meeting by a man named Jim Fuller, and that he had continued to harass her, which could not be permitted again. The Board acknowledged the seriousness of the concerns raised, that the meetings are open to the public, that no concern had been raised at that meeting, and that no Jim Fuller appears in the PC Source Book, but outsiders can attend our meetings. We decided that Chuck and Bob would stay alert; if there are any concerns, we should alert the Patrol. Charlotte will follow up with Dr. Terry Ruiz.
- Minutes from Board Meeting from February 25, 2026 – any corrections/additions, please advise Alisa Moore.
- Financial Report: Report was previously distributed, cash balance increased \$1 since last month. Tammy is leaving after the meeting for two weeks. Please deliver any materials to her asap.
- Committee Reports:
 - a) **Program Committee: – Charlotte Krause, Chair. Upcoming Club Meeting speakers:**
 - i. April 1 – Mariana Sandoval, LD 23 AZ House Representative and Colleagues discussing AZ Budget Information. There was a discussion of the competing vouchers going on the ballot if enough signatures are collected. We support the Protect America AZ (SOS) one, not the competing one from the DeVos group that is intentionally using almost the same language. There will be training provided for collecting the signatures. The petitions will require a notary signature that the person signing collected the signatures on that petition. John will add their logo to our slides. This will be discussed at the meetings as details are made available.
 - ii. May 6 – Discussion – Charlotte indicated that she would like to invite Francesca Martin from Keep AZ Blue for the May 6 meeting. They are providing our college intern this summer.
 - iii. Summer Meetings - 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. We are hoping to have confirmation from either Senator Kelly

or Senator Gallego. Without confirmation, we may not have those summer meetings.

- iv. September 2 – Kris Mayes, AZ Attorney General
- v. October 7 – Adrian Fontes, AZ Secretary of State – still want to get Adrian for the rally on 9/19 as well. Having trouble getting Hobbs’ folks to respond. We need to hear from her and to schedule her and/or a surrogate from the campaign. Charlotte indicated that she has still not heard from the Governor.
- vi. We will have Board meetings in May and August as usual. June and July meetings will be by Zoom if needed.

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, filled) success
- iv. March 17th – St Patrick’s Day Women’s Luncheon at Old Chicago (30 attended)
- v. March 19th – Potluck Appetizer Cul-de-Sac get together, 3pm-6pm, host: Judy Hart, cancelled due to heat.
- vi. Annual Sunrise Picnic – April 10 (\$5 per attendee), Social Committee will provide the salads and Board members are asked to bring desserts. Decision regarding going forward will be made after the April meeting, depending on sign-ups.
 - Frankie requested \$150 for water and lottery tickets for the picnic if it moves forward. Alisa moved and Barb seconded, motion carried.
- vii. May 1 - Ladies Kentucky Derby luncheon, Chianti Room, Location tba, \$30/attendee, RSVPs start April 6.
- viii. May 21 – Herberger Kax Theater Co, Post 41, performance of history, civil rights and patriotism here in Phoenix. \$11/attendee. Luncheon to be organized. 25 tickets available.
- 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 – Event March 28 – 9:00 to 11:00am, Volunteers identified, trained, lanyards and V badges and yellow vests will be provided at the Rally for all volunteers, and radios for the safety team members. Vicki contacted the Goodyear Police Chief to ensure they will have a patrol. Vicki confirmed that the table will have water, PCDC materials, petitions for signatures. We will use the Lobby materials at the West Valley rally too. Will there be voter registration at our table at the Rally? Vicki will check with Sandy.
- ii. Petition Project Status – all done, just the initiatives are still circulating.

- iii. ICE in Surprise – either Marsha or Vicki will contact the Grand Dems for an update.

d) Membership – Sheryl Archer, Chair

- i. Further Actions to get Everyone on the Website – Sheryl sending emails – 60 sent, about 20 remaining to send.
- ii. Sheryl is working with Tammy. She reports 298 paid members and 128 non-renewals. Emails were sent to those non-renewing members. 10 entered their data but did not pay.

e) Community Outreach – Judy Hart, Chair

- i. Committee collected 216 pounds and \$200 for the Humane Society in February and the Club donated 585 pounds in total in February.
- ii. Updated report for March collections: 1,719 pounds and \$400 cash. The contributions went to the AZ Humane Society, Hope's Closet, Phoenix Mission, Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank, St. Vincent de Paul and PC Players.
- iii. Updated focus for the April meeting: Agua Fria Food & Clothing Bank has requested plastic bags and food contributions.
- iv. Gillian is handling the summer contributions as Judy will be gone.

f) Communication – Kirk Brown, Chair

- i. Ideas for Articles - Upcoming events or ideas, please contact him.
- ii. Is considering using the two articles to the PC Post as 1) the activities upcoming and 2) a meeting/event summary.
- iii. May contact the PC Post editor to request reconsideration of the limitations since 1) other clubs and units get far more submissions 2) it is an election year, so we have a lot going on, and 3) any expansions would apply to the Republican Club too.

g) Veteran Services – Chuck Veltri, Chair

- i. Follow up from Recognition by Avondale Elementary School District for contributions made under Community of Caring – raised \$2,250 for the family. The Thank you from the families would make a nice article for the West Valley View.
- ii. March Bundles for Babies – collected over 1,400 individual items, 180 pounds of contributed baby and toddler items. This is a monthly activity at Luke to support their families.
- iii. May Goodyear Historic Farms Cleanup, May 23, 8 am, sign-ups at the April meeting.
- iv. August School Supply Donation Program – might start in July if we have a meeting.
- v. October Operation Kids – moving forward – helps kids understand what a parent's deployment involves.
- vi. Nov/Dec Community of Caring – for Lattie Coor kids, like this past holiday season.

- vii. Armed Forces Plaza at Eagle's Nest – Pavers 9x12=\$105 and 6x9=\$75. Pavers installed before Memorial Day.
 - viii. Bob is going to Washington DC to lobby on behalf of the Veterans.
- **September 19 – West Valley Democratic Rally Update**
 - a) Meeting held on 2/16 – Vicki has distributed the minutes from the meeting. Lots to do and more organizational meetings will be scheduled.
 - b) Vicki called all the West Valley partners to confirm their participation. She had some trouble reaching some of them; Charlotte will help with that. Frankie and Vicki will confirm the room layout.
 - c) Parking issues: Frankie spoke with Patrol. They told her that there is no guarantee about parking for the Rally event. She asked whether that was true for Pickleball or Golf events too, and it was hard to get answers. They said that they were unsure who had the authority regarding taping off parking spaces but said we would need someone to direct those coming in to park. Vicki will follow up.
- **LD 29 Update**
 - a) Meeting at March 18 at Georgia Lord Library in Goodyear: 48 attendees – volunteers for the training signing up for specific roles at the event.
 - b) April 15 meeting will be in Surprise and will focus on volunteer opportunities and sign-ups for the elections this year. The other topics will include the Petition to Save Education.
 - c) There are 51 PCs on the ballot!
 - d) Campaign contribution envelopes will be made available for Dani Sterbinsky – but it is important that they be filled in properly and completely, so donors may need instruction.
- **Old Business**
 - Bob Wiedower and his committee (John, Charlotte & Alisa) met to discuss providing club members with guidance on giving during the election cycle – how to evaluate whether, how much and to whom/what to donate. John will design some suggested points to help educate those members interested in the information. The committee agreed that it is not our place to instruct. Alisa will help with drafting some graphics to support the information.
- **New Business**
 - John requested information for the marquee on the website.
 - The Club still plans to host a City Council election Round Table.
- **Next Board Meeting: April 29, 2026**
- **Meeting Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alisa Sparkia Moore, Secretary