

Pebble Creek Democratic Club

Meeting Minutes 4/1/2026

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Barber at 6:50p.m. at the Tuscany Falls Ballroom.

Vice President John Moore led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proceeding with the agenda, President Barber spoke to the crowd about the Club's Purpose (on the slide).

The following visitors and guests were introduced:

- Joe Pizzillo - Mayor Goodyear
- Benita Beckles - Goodyear City Council
- Sheri Lauritano - Candidate Goodyear City Council
- Eric Stafford - Candidate LD 29 AZ Senate
- Dani Sterbinsky - Candidate CD 9 House of Representatives
- Donna Davis - Maricopa County Community College District Board
- Representatives from LD 29, 23, and 25

President Barber asked all new members of the Club to rise and be recognized. She also:

- Reviewed the most recent Financial Report (for information only) as shown on the screen, and noted we made a \$1 over the month!
- Reminded the members to check with Treasurer Tammy Dana-Bashian if they have any questions about whether their dues are current.
- Noted that Club and Board minutes are posted on the club website

Prior to reviewing the committee reports, President Barber made the following comments relevant to a current Board discussion and ad hoc committee's conclusions:

Bob Wiedower led a sub-committee to discuss whether we should provide any guidelines or information for our members to consider when members are contributing financial resources to organizations, candidates or issues. The group recommended that it would be inappropriate for us to develop any guidelines, but did suggest that it may be helpful to provide some basic information and perhaps just some personal perspectives:

"So, with your indulgence, I would just like to share some of my personal viewpoints on making financial contributions.

I try to consider the following guideposts when making a contribution:

- 1. Is it going to an entity that I am passionate about?**

I have to believe in what or who I am giving money to. So I most often contribute directly to candidates or issues that I care deeply about. This translates into that I rarely give funds to the national Democratic Party or even to the AZ Democratic Party. This decision is because I haven't seen a direct nexus between my contribution and the resources coming to the candidates in our community. For example, we are well aware, that at least historically, we have not seen the AZ Democratic party support our democratic candidates in the West Valley. An exception to this would be that I support the LD 29 because they specifically exist to support our candidates in the legislative district we live in – 29.

2. Is it going to an entity where I think it will have a major impact?

In other words, I rarely give to non-profits that are national in scope, but rather I want my resources going to my immediate community. The same holds generally true for candidates. I - like you get requests for contributing to races outside of AZ, and I rarely contribute to them. As well as contributing to other legislative races in AZ outside of LD 29 and CD 9. I want my funds to go to local candidates, AZ races, and national campaigns such as AZ Senate races or the Electing the President. In this regard, I also consider the degree that the race has an impact on me directly. So – for example, in my opinion it is absolutely essential that we hold the Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General positions in AZ. I absolutely want to see us flip the AZ House and Senate. And if that doesn't happen – I feel that we have to have a Democrat as the Governor to stop horrific legislation from being enacted – we have to have a Secretary of State that will ensure that elections continue to be free and all inclusive – and we have to have an Attorney General that will ensure laws are fairly and appropriately enforced.

3. Is it timely to make the contribution at this point in time?

I generally try to make contributions to candidates that are in the current election cycle. So, I am unlikely to help candidates build their war chest when they are not currently running for election or re-election. I am also conscious of when the election cycle has started – so I will often contribute when there is a fund-raising event where I can see the candidate – rather than sending in a contribution and then getting an invitation for a fundraiser that would require me to make another financial contribution. I also try to stay in tune with whether a candidate has already amassed a huge war chest, and therefore not necessarily in need of my contribution. So for example, our candidates in LD 29 can qualify for “clean election funds” of over \$50,000. However, our candidate, Dani Sterbinsky in CD 9 running against Gosar, does not have access to that funding source. So, I am predisposed to contributing to her campaign and trying to help her become our Congressional Representative.

So, my message is not that these 3 guideposts are the correct ones. Only that each of us have to look at what we can do during this year before the elections – and we absolutely need to do something. Don't let the other side prevail by causing any of us to become overwhelmed and therefore do nothing. We can change this – but we have to put our thoughts, emotions and intentions into ACTIONS.”

President Barber responded to questions from the membership.

She then proceeded with the agenda:

- Reviewed the committee reports from the appropriate slides:
 - a. Social – noted the upcoming events: Picnic April 10, Ladies Kentucky Derby Luncheon May 1, and Kax Theater event on May 21

- b. Veteran Service – reviewed the work the committee is doing on behalf of the veterans and Luke AFB, including more than 1400 items for the Bundles for Babies care drive, and noted the addition of Goodyear Farms Memorial Clean-up on May 23, sign-up in the back of the room if available.
- c. Community Involvement – 1719 pounds and \$400 cash donated to the committee in March, and distributed to a variety of local nonprofits.
- d. New Members – Name tags are available at the Membership Table. If you are having trouble logging into the Club website, or if you think you are logged in but not finding some stuff you think should be there, make sure you are actually logged in. You must have registered on the site with a password. If you have not done so, the leadership team will be happy to help. Ask any of the club officers. Sheryl Archer continues to send out emails to all members who have not yet signed up for the website. Please watch for her message if you are not yet signed up.
- e. Political Action –
 - i. Please review the “Call to Action” emails that are disseminated by the committee and created by Diana Wiedower. If you are not receiving them, please advise one of the officers or committee chairs so we can get you back on the list. Lots of great information comes to club members and supporters from those Constant Contact emails. The website also contains lots of information on issues and opportunities to get involved.
 - ii. Thank you to all who assisted with getting signatures on the nominating petitions and where appropriate, Clean Candidate sign-ups. All our folks qualified! We have Dems running in all the right slots.
- f. “NO KINGS RALLY” was a huge success – 2,000 attendees (per the counters and estimators) and LOTS of positive honks and cheers from folks driving by. Thanks to all who participated! President Barber asked everyone involved in the Rally to please stand and be recognized.
- g. LD 29 updates – Next meeting is April 15, 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Surprise. Everyone is welcome! Learn how to participate in the Protect Education Act Petition drive. There was a slide differentiating the “dueling ballot proposals” for Arizona ESA Program Reform. Democrats are behind the Save Our Schools proposal, and not-in-support of the GOP Legislative one that reflects virtually the same language but with truly significant details, including no income cap and no redirection of unspent funds to public education.

The Club is still looking for volunteers to assist with these two activities. If you are interested in helping with either or both, please let President Barber know:

- Serving on the Political Action Committee, writing articles or providing political updates
- Volunteering for the September 19 Political Rally scheduled at Tuscan Falls Ballroom

Other upcoming activities:

- Josh announced the Men's Breakfast, April 8, 8:15a.m., Eagles Nest
- Monthly Game Nights – see the Club website for information
- Every Saturday morning breakfast, Eagles Nest, 8:00a.m.

Our speakers were Mariana Sandoval, AZ House representative, LD 23 and Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton, AZ House representative, LD 21.

Next PCDC meeting is May 6 in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. Our speakers will be Dr. Terry Ruiz, Candidate for AZ State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Francesca Martin, co-founder, Keep AZ Blue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Sparkia Moore, PCDC Secretary, April 7, 2026