

GRANT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Democratic Party was called to order at 6:30pm. We met at the LULAC Hall in Silver City. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

Ward A-W – Ward chair Glenn Griffin reported on a Public Lands Resolution and rumors that PNM is being purchased by Blackstone. Glenn is requesting volunteers to join in canvassing for Democratic candidates.

Ward A-E – Barbara Bush reported that GCDP will participate in Trunk or Treat at Cobre on Nov 29 and she welcomes volunteers to join her.

Ward B – Barbara Bush announced that Patrick Cohn has agreed to chair Ward B.

Ward C – GCDP will have a booth at the Tamal Fiesta on Nov 8 at Fort Bayard, offering voter registration and candidate petition forms. Volunteers are welcome. Contact John Song.

John Rokosz reported on the website. There are several hundred visits each month.

Linda Pafford reported on the Facebook account.

Janet Wallet-Ortiz announced the No Kings Day event on Oct 18.

PASS THE HAT: - the hat garnered \$145.00. "Little Hat" collected \$103 in donations to be given to LULAC for the use of the hall.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Nancy Stephens, Grant County Commissioner, reported on Public Lands; a resolution that passed unanimously; community Fire Protection Plan; State Land Commission meeting; Desert Animal Shelter; concern regarding federal funding for Advanced Air services to Grant County.

Sheriff Raul Villanueva – reported that deputies are extremely busy; there are 6 staff vacancies; he thanks his staff for their commitment. The Sheriff also announced a special fundraiser to benefit the child of a deputy who requires surgery.

Guadalupe Cano, Silver City Mayor Pro Tem and member of New Mexico Municipal League attended.

CANDIDATES were invited to speak: Nick Prince, Eric Vreeland, Jennifer Metzler Ride, Dale Lane, Simon Wheaton-Smith.

PERMANENT MEETING LOCATION: John Song reported that he has inquired about the availability of the Food Co-op location on Bullard Street. Meantime, it is agreed that we will meet at the LULAC Hall and collect monetary donations at each meeting to give to LULAC.

Barbara Bush stated that the median maintenance continues. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

NEW BUSINESS – Barbara encouraged everyone to join the No Kings Day event on Oct 18 beginning at noon at four locations, walking to Gough Park.

Mary Hotvedt reported for the Finance Team. Team members are Mary Hotvedt, Linda Pafford, Simon Sotelo and Bob Garrett. The team will seek donors who will pledge \$50 or \$100 per month.

Linda Pafford suggested to again have t-shirts with message as a fundraiser. Tom Hester suggested adding sweatshirts. John Song reported that the mailing list has increased.

Bea McKinney shared a poster with information for a meeting for The Brewer Hill/Los Perros Bravos event on Sunday at The Hearth, 1:00-3:00pm. It is a potluck.

ADJOURN: Bob Garrett motioned to adjourn. Bill Hudson seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez,

Secretary.