

MINUTES-CORNVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

June 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by VP Nikki Lewis at 7:10 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members absent were Deanna King, Jan Tomlinson, and Lois Hook.

Treas. Ted Luke reported an ending balance of \$4694.43. Debbi Segall, Membership, reported 265 members, with 2 more joining tonight. She also reported on behalf of Lois Hook, who was ill, that the Chili Cook-off was successful, with 18 kinds of chili, and a \$312. profit.

Nikki introduced State Representative Karen Fann. Karen gave her background in local Prescott politics, as well as her service as Chino Valley mayor. She owns a construction company that makes guard rails.

She said that her first year as representative has been interesting, and that she likes the job, but not the process. During 100 days in session, 1800 bills were introduced. The first bill she voted on was given to her 2 hours before the vote, and she was told she couldn't abstain...so she voted with her Republican majority. She is on 3 committees: Energy; Environment; and transportation.

Many in the audience posed pointed questions suggesting a dysfunctional state government that focuses on what may be frivolous bills, rather than attacking more important issues. She stated that Andrew Tobin, another of our reps, is now Speaker of the House, and has some leeway on the bills that are dealt with. On Fed stimulus money, she said that much of it comes with strings attached. She supports a business tax credit, which she feels brings in new jobs. She believes that if an existing business is expanding and providing NEW jobs, it should also get the larger tax credit. Education cuts and the use of the 1 cent sales tax increase were discussed. She supported the republican majority on the current cuts. She was asked about tax credits and the broken tax system, which needs to be restructured to provide needed revenue for education. She agreed that taxation needs changing, but did not provide specifics. Others brought up the fact that the state budget may be balanced, but that is because counties and cities are picking up more prison and other costs.

The only times for citizens to speak are when committees hold hearings.

A concern was expressed regarding legalizing fireworks. Karen said it has been changed so that Yavapai county and other outlying areas can impose their own bans. If Safeway is selling them, the Sheriff should be called.

Campfires were discussed, and the lifting of a ban that may have led to the Wallow fire. Karen said that Committee chairs control which bills get a hearing. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Graham, Acting Secretary