

**North Valley Democratic Club Minutes**  
**September 17, 2009**  
**Jo Pascoe, Recording Secretary**

The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers was taken with Richard Cherchio, Ken Kraft, Mike Pascoe, Jeff Kaiser, Jo Pascoe, and Planning Commissioner Joe DePhillips.

Chairman Rich Cherchio addressed the membership and announced that Ken Kraft was appointed to Parks and Recreation.

At 7:19, Chris Garvey, Trustee of the Clark County School District, spoke on issues affecting the north valley schools. Budget concerns were the highlight of her discussion.

Ms. Garvey explained that per pupil expenditures per year in the Clark County School District were less than \$6,000, which is among the lowest in America.

- There is difficulty finding teachers in higher math.
- There is a population problem because children may have migrated into different areas and some schools may be under or over populated.
- A lot of schools are over 40 years old and need a lot of repairs, renovations, and replacements.
- We have limited resources to handle this problem.
- Taxes earmarked for education have been shifted elsewhere. It up to the state legislature where to place them.
- The county has applied for an interim bond referendum and stimulus money.

Ms. Garvey then answered questions from the attendees.

Among subjects discussed were dropout prevention, parenting classes, students coming back to school to earn credits, and senior citizen mentoring.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 with the Treasurer's report given by Mike Pascoe:

- Ending balance: \$1420.69
- 1 new member this evening

Report was approved and carried.

Andrew Martin talked about the Central Democratic Committee budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.