

Sky Valley Political Candidates Forum

22 October 2025

The Forum was called to order at 1500.

Bruce Gant welcomed everyone to the Chapel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce explained this will be a Forum and not a Debate. The purpose of a Forum is to allow Candidates to present their platforms and opinions on various issues in a non-confrontational setting. He explained the format as a structured format where each candidate will be given equal uninterrupted time to answer each question. The time limit is 2 minutes. Grace Guess was the timekeeper.

Candidates

Mayor: Hollie Steil (incumbent) and Benita Cotton-Orr

Council: Dan McAfee (incumbent), CareySue Beasley, Beth Pence, Jesse Price, Jonathon Smith, and Dee Van Camp

When the POA announced this Forum months before the date, we asked the community to submit questions to the POA Board via email. This allowed us to compile the questions by eliminating duplicates.

The POA Board agreed to send out the questions to all candidates prior to the Forum. We did this on 9 October, 2025. We felt this was a way to allow all candidates to prepare their answers to fit into the 2-minute time limit. In the email we also explained the format.

We appreciate each candidate being available for this Forum. We appreciate all the questions submitted by residents. And we thank the community for making this a respectful Forum.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Meidlein