

Washington County Women Democrats
Minutes: January 23, 2018

1. Call to Order – Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge – led by Lynette Terrell
3. Approval of November 2017 Minutes. Motion by to accept minutes as written by Tracy Slattery. Denise Garner seconded. Motion passed.
4. Officer's Reports
 - a. President:
 - i. Theme: "Hear Me Vote" represents our passion, mission and purpose as Democratic Women of Washington County. "Hear Me Vote" encompasses our purpose which is to provide educational programs for the membership and the greater community, to encourage Democratic Women candidates, to strengthen civic participation, to recruit volunteers for campaigns and candidates, and overall to provide a greater voice for women. Postcards will be on table at every meeting this year for you to write notes of encouragement, thanks or reckoning. If you leave them on the table we will mail them. We have a sponsor for postage.
 - b. Treasurer - no Glenda please fill out and pay for membership; it is \$20.00 per year.
 - c. Membership Chair – Beth Coger - reminder to fill out membership forms, Jill Lindsey, our previous Membership chair, came to help tonight – thank you Jill!
 - i. Recognize first timers. Last year we had a record 200 members. We are still collecting memberships for this year and will report after tonight.
 - d. Programing Chair – Peggy Chenault. No better speaker to kick off than Senator Joyce Elliott
 - i. February 27, 2018: We will have a member of the Marshallese Community speak to us. We want to be good neighbors to them and figure out our common ground and get them registered to vote.
 - ii. March 27, 2018: Trisha Montague, SVP and Chief Administrator at Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest will speak to us on the economic impact of the new hospital, and how the proposed changes to health care will affect it and us.
 - iii. If you have idea for a program please contact Peggy
5. Recognition of public servants
 - a. Elected Officials: Sue Madison, Adella Gray, Eva Madison, David Whitaker, Ann Harbison, Mark Kinion, Greg Leding

- b. Seeking Office: Andrea Jenkins (JP Dis.t 10), Denise Garner (AR House Dist. 84), Nicole Clowney (AR House Dist. 86), Adrienne Kvello (Wash. Co. Circuit Clerk), Celeste Williams (AR House Dist. 95), Andrew Gaber (AR House Dist. 89), Jon Comstock (AR House Dist. 3 in Benton Co), Mark Kinion (AR House Dist. 86), Greg Leding (AR Senate),
- c. Announcements: Kristopher Paxton (Ward 1 Fay. City Council)

6. PROGRAM:

Lisa Whitaker introduced tonight's speaker, Senator Joyce Elliott. The full video of this inspirational talk can be viewed at https://youtu.be/_4vUCdEI-aQ

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Lance Reed, Black Caucus, Compassion Fayetteville Black History Celebration. Toward a more inclusive party. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/events/453887921680693/>
- The generous sponsorship of tonight's meeting by Sarah Thompson Brewer allows us to support candidates.
- Casserole Cook-off. Tickets are sold out, but 2 tickets were won by Penny Davis
- #TimesUp – post to Facebook and join us in solidarity with the women of Congress and wear black on January 30 for the State of the Union speech.
- April 13, 2018 is Dems Rock – The biggest party of the year! Make your reservations now!
- Our next meeting is February 27, so dinner reservations are due by noon on February 26.

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Respectfully submitted,
Annie Langston