

**Washington County Democratic Women**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. The Minutes of the February 27, 2018 were approved as presented.
4. Officers' Reports:

- A) PRESIDENT: There were two exciting events in Fayetteville last night: the very successful Women in History Dinner, and across town, the Washington County Democrats special election of Lisa Whitaker and Will Watson to the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the County.
- B) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson brought us up to date.

→	Beginning Balance:→	→	\$5,596.79
→	Credits: → Memberships→		+336.00
→	Donations:→		+320.00
→	Debits:→	Mermaid's Activity Fee→	-150.00→
→	→	State Fees→	<u>-600.00*</u>
→	Ending Balance:→	→	\$4,846.79

\*Estimate for Federation of Democratic Women at \$6.00 per member.

- C) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger reported that we have as of tonight about 140 members! Visitors were welcomed and recognized. Beth said she was available at the back table to take money for people who signed-up online and haven't paid yet. Also, expect to be contacted if you checked volunteer boxes on your membership forms - committees are being formed.
  - D) PROGRAMMING: Peggy Chenault reminded us that next month will be our last chance to see Nicole Clowney and Mark Kinion together before we make our voting decisions. We need to decide, vote, and then support our candidate all the way to Little Rock!
- → Also, on the sign-in sheets there is a space for what you would like to see in future programming. Speaker ideas, contact information, and other ideas are all welcome and appreciated.

5. PROGRAM: **Arkansas Children's Northwest, Care Close to Home –**

Gracie Ziegler introduced KC Tucker, a local attorney and "momcologist". In 2014 her son, Jimmy, was diagnosed with a very rare form of leukemia. The three hour trips between Fayetteville and ACH in Little Rock changed her family. Tonight's speaker, Kim Dutton, Director of Philanthropy at ACHNW, has been an integral part of the team that has brought first-rate pediatric hospital care to within 15 minutes of our homes.

Who is ACH? And why are they here in NW Arkansas? In 1982 Charles George was a very sick little boy who was treated in Little Rock at ACH. This led to the use of the land for the new hospital. Why now? The population of NW Arkansas is growing rapidly; there are now 78 children per square mile.

The entire campus of ACHNW is child-centered, and built around the theme of Discovery and Delight. It is an enhancement of ACH not competition. There are 40'ish doctors at ACHNW and 500'ish in Little Rock. The goal is "Healthcare with great excellence" so they will grow as they build up to great excellence. They will always be the best place you can take your child for treatment she needs or they will recommend you travel to another hospital.

The pediatric population of NWAR is growing at two to three times that of the rest of the state so this is Phase I of ACHNW and it will grow as demand increases. For now we have the newest pediatric hospital in the country serving over 200,000 children with the state of the art medical techniques.

ACHNW treats all children regardless of ability to pay. To volunteer, Google "ACHNW volunteer opportunities" to begin the process. Health care with "great excellence" is the driving force of the hospital.

6. Recognition of Elected Officials: Greg Leding - State Rep Dist. 86. Cristi Beaumont - Circuit Judge for Washington and Madison Counties. Anne Harbison - JP district 14 and candidate for reelection. Courtney Goodson - Arkansas Supreme Court and candidate for reelection.

7. Recognition of Candidates: Nicole Clowney - State Rep District 86. Greg Leding - State Senate Dist 4 (Greg brought word from Jim House, County Judge, and Coy Bartlett, JP District 8, that they would be here, but they had a farmers' coop meeting.) Lou Reed Sharp - House District 80.
8. New business:
  - a) We strongly encourage you to volunteer, donate and do whatever you can to support our candidates during the election.
  - b) Lisa Whitaker is the newly-elected Chair of the Washington County Democrats and because of gender equity, Will Watson is now Vice-Chair. A goal of Lisa's is to centralize volunteers and volunteer opportunities.
  - c) Senior Democrats on April 17 will have an excellent presentation by Joyce Hale on gerrymandering.
  - d) Our door prize this evening, two tickets to Democrats Rock was won by Ann Marie Ziegler through random drawing.
9. The meeting was adjourned.

Additions or corrections to these minutes may be submitted to Annie Langston, Secretary, at [demwomwashcoar@gmail.com](mailto:demwomwashcoar@gmail.com)

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