

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Annie Langston
3. Eva Madison made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2018, and they were approved as presented.
4. Officers' Reports:
 - A) PRESIDENT: Democrats Rock was awesome; we sponsored the dance floor and it was a lot of fun. We also were sponsors of the 6th Annual Barack Obama Diversity and Inclusion Banquet hosted by the NWAR Democratic Black Caucus. Looking ahead we are creating a Social Media Training for Candidates, and a training for volunteers, a Campaign Finance Leadership Training, as well as a Campaign Leadership Training Program. Also, we have started working on a consolidated calendar for all county and affiliate events.
 - B) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson brought us up to date.

Beginning Balance:	\$6,252.79
Credits: Memberships	+240.00
Debits: Mermaid's Activity Fee	-150.00
Women in History Dues	<u>-50.00</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$6,292.79
Outstanding Check	<u>-642.00*</u>
Ending Balance:	\$5,560.79
 - C) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger was unable to attend
 - D) PROGRAMMING: Peggy Chenault reminded us that in 1923 the Equal Rights Amendment was proposed, and it is yet to be ratified. In hopes that Arkansas will be the 37th state to ratify the ERA, we are using a 1923 silver dollar for the coin toss to determine who will go first in tonight's debate.

May 22 Susana O'Daniel, Director of Public Affairs for the Arkansas Education Association. She will discuss proposed changes to education in Arkansas and how those changes will be affecting us.
5. Recognition of Elected Officials and Candidates: Mark Kinion, City Council and running for State Rep d 86, Gary Morris running for State Rep in District 97, Sue Madison, JP District 12 running for re-election. Eva Madison, JP District 9 unopposed. Zane Chenault running for County Treasurer. Olivia Trumble City Council Ward 1. Sloan Scoggin, City Council Ward 3. Nicole Clowney, State Rep District 86. Greg Leding - State Rep Dist. 86 and running for State Senate Dist 4
6. **PROGRAM:**
 - a) **Primary Ballot Preview and Overview:** Voter ID is the law now, so make sure and bring your ID and make sure that it matches your registration. [Click here for List of early voting locations](#) All sample ballots can be accessed by [clicking here](#). In Arkansas you can choose to vote Republican, Democratic or Independent. We want to make sure that we show a good turnout for Democrats. We hope that you will go to the website and study your ballot before you go to vote. May 7 starts early voting. Make it fun to vote! Help people find rides to the polls. If you need help contact us. Wear your "I VOTED" sticker to our next meeting on May 22 - election day!
 - b) **District 86 Candidate Question and Answer Session:** The order for the night was determined by a coin toss. The coin landed on heads, so as predetermined Nicole Clowney goes first on each question. To introduce our candidates is our current representative from District 86, Greg Leding. Both of the candidates are highly qualified; an overview of the debate rules and an introduction of the candidates by Greg Leding and the Candidates' responses can be accessed [here](#) or on the Wash. [County Democratic Women's Facebook Page](#).
7. History of Dickson Street (which goes right through the middle of District 86) book was won by Maggie Hendrix.
8. Announcements:
 - a) We strongly encourage you to volunteer, donate and do whatever you can to support our candidates during the election and to do anything that you are able do to help our candidates.
 - b) AR Faith Caucus is having an event on May 5, Sarah Thompson has more information.
 - c) Senior Democrats on May 15th will have a Legislative Wrap-Up.
 - d) Rogers Public Theater is having a bawdy play on Ann Richards
 - e) Pride week is in June more information to come
 - f) Please go vote on May 22nd then come to our [Education Forum](#) and then you can go to the [Primary Watch Party at Sideways](#)
9. The meeting was adjourned.