

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance -
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018; all approved
4. Officers' Reports:
 - a) PRESIDENT: Gracie Zigler: Happy Election Day. If you haven't voted yet, we can direct you to the closest polling place. Today is the culmination of lots of hard work, but the work isn't over. We are 168 days from November and we have good plans in place to help the candidates and turn the state blue. We have opportunities to volunteer at local fairs and events. Tonight we can watch the big national elections as well as our own. Big shout out to all the Moms Demand Action members who are here tonight
 - b) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:		\$5650.79
Credits: Memberships	+180.00	
Donations	<u>+26.00</u>	
CREDITS TOTAL:		+206.00
Debits: Black Caucus Dinner	-250.00	
Mermaid's Activity Fee	182.00	
Debits: Mermaid's Activity Fee	<u>-150.00</u>	
DEBITS SUBTOTAL:		<u>-582.00</u>
Ending Balance:		\$5274.79
 - c) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger: We now have 127 members. 2 new tonight. Thank you.
 - d) PROGRAMMING: Peggy Chenault
 1. June 26 Immigration forum with Steven Coger and Frank Head and Myra Esquivel. Focusing on issues that affect our community, programs for our documented and undocumented neighbors, and programs to help them to become documented.
 2. July 24 Max Brantley Mr. Brantley has made an exception to his no speaking rule just for us, so come on out and take advantage of this opportunity.
 3. August 28 We are having the 5 county candidates so you get to know what they plan for the county and how they stand on the issues and get to know them personally.
5. Recognition of Elected Officials and Candidates: Lou Reed Sharp House Dist 80. Sloan Scoggin City Council Ward 3. Dennise Garner House of Representatives District 84. Megan Godfrey House of Representatives District 89. Andrea Jenkins Justice of the Peace District 10. Celeste Williams District 98 (Benton County). Josh Mahony US Congress AR 3rd District. Jim House Washington County Judge. Emily Sledge County Clerk. Zane Chenault County Treasurer. Gary Morris Dist 97. Gary introduced his intern Marissa Tuggle from the Uof A. Greg Leding is currently our State Rep Dist. 86 and he is running for State Senate Dist 4

6. PROGRAM:

Tonight's program is not a political one - it is educational. Because 96% of Arkansas' children attend Public Schools, we invited Susana O'Daniel to educate us on how our public school system is governed and funded. We should do all we can to stay informed. Then we should let our representatives know what we want for our children and our state. Ms. O'Daniel outlined how tax cuts are affecting education in other states. Then she explained Arkansas tax cuts, past, present and future, and their effect on education budgets.

If you would like to watch Ms. O'Daniel's presentation (and I hope you do), please go to minute 11:50 at <https://youtu.be/rS4VUTfM4Oo>

7. 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) Mermaids gives us a great deal on this venue and we thank them. If you would like to sponsor a meeting ,please let us know.
 - c) The meeting was adjourned.

Additions or corrections to these minutes may be submitted to Annie Langston, WCDW Secretary, at annie.langston09@gmail.com or demwomwashcoar@gmail.com

Sincerely submitted,
Annie Langston, Secretary