

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance -
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018; all approved.
This is our first meeting of the year and the first meeting in our new location at the Hilton Garden Inn.
4. Recognition of special guests: Janet Renwick, AR Fed. of Dem. Women President, Sebastian Co; Debi Council, 2d Vice Chair of Auxiliaries for AR Democratic Party also chair of Sebastian County. Several newly elected representatives from Benton County are with us. The State representatives are in Little Rock tonight. Andrea Jenkins reported from the WC Quorum Court on several ordinances that came before the court. First, the municipalities being charged to house prisoners in the county jail. This is an issue because the budgets were complete before the request. This could lead to a .25% sales tax. The regular meetings are open to the public on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. Agendas are posted on the website. Eva Madison was not appointed to any committees by the County Judge. At the beginning of every meeting, there is a 15-minute segment for public input. This would be a good time to have input on the proposed jail expansion project. Also, on the website, you can e-mail all of the members of the QC with one click. February 11 at 6:00 PM there will be a public meeting on the jail expansion proposal.

Recognition of candidates: Debbie Winter is running for Chair of the WCD; Bobby Howard is running for Vice-Chair; Lynn Cunningham for Volunteers and Voter Protection; Lou Reed Sharp for Candidate Recruitment; and Katie Terrell for Vice Chair, Marketing.

5. Officers' Reports:

- a) PRESIDENT: Gracie Ziegler painted the big picture for 2019: the WCDW will continue to encourage female candidates; to train and recruit volunteers; to support data mining; to provide educational opportunities for our community; to form state and national alliances; to help other locals; to upgrade our systems and procedures and to expand our demographic. For 2019 we will continue with our mission to provide a great voice for women and to train and engage women to run for elected office. We are improving our systems and now you can not only register online, but you can also pay online through our GoBlue account.
- b) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger (Sherriff Helder is not happy with Beth for her letter to the editor on the jail expansion, so she is doing the right thing.) We don't have a count yet, but many have registered online or have signed up tonight. We welcome the many first-time attendees!
- c) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:		\$2392.79
Deposits: None		
	Deposits Total:	\$0.00
Debits:		
Mermaids Activity Fee	-150.00	
AAUW - Gridiron contribution	-65.00	
	Debits Total:	<u>-215.00</u>
	Ending Balance:	\$2177.79
Outstanding Checks		
Compassion Fayetteville	-250.00	
	Tentative Balance:	\$1927.79

2018 was our first adventure as a vendor and the T-shirt sales netted us \$190 in profit and much good publicity. Thank you and keep on wearing them!

- d) PROGRAMMING: EmmaLe Davis: We have exciting programming in the works for this year so watch Social Media for upcoming topics and please contact Emmale if you have an idea or a contact for a presentation.
- e) PROGRAM: "The Year of the Women: What We Know about Female Voters, Candidates, and Officeholders" with Dr. Janine A. Perry. Dr. Perry is a professor of Political Science and the Director of the Diane Blair Center's Poll since its inception in 1999.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely submitted,
Annie Langston, Secretary

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