

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance -
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019; all approved.
4. Why we moved from Mermaids: In 2018 Mermaids charged us \$150. plus \$16 (paid by guest) per dining guest and about 30 guests would eat. For 2019 they proposed to increase the fee for room rental to \$200 and the fee for paying diner to \$20. In addition, they wanted us to pay \$10 per non-dining participant. (This would have meant an extra \$110 per attendee per year if you came to all of the meetings.) We welcome your feedback and we are always looking for better options. Gracie and the Board looked into numerous other locations and came up with the Hilton Garden Inn as the most cost-effective alternative and still allow us to bring in our own food and wine and have access to a bar. We heard your feedback on wanting tables so we have tables which also means we pay \$75 extra per month bringing the total for this space to \$200 per month (only a \$50 increase over Mermaids) so we are contracted for the 4th Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year. Because of traffic we are considering moving the meeting time to 6:00. Your input is always welcome.
5. PROGRAM: Emalee Davis introduced Duane “Dak” Kees. As the US Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, he serves as the Chief Federal Law Enforcement Officer for our area. Tonight in his presentation, Love Not Hate, he focused on hate crimes and their impact on our community. Video of this presentation may be viewed on the [Washington County Democratic Women’s FaceBook page](#).
6. Officers’ Reports:

a) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:		\$2177.79
Deposits: Memberships	1065.00	
Soar Blue	140.00	
	Deposits Total:	\$1205.00
Debits:		
Snacks and Supplies	101.76	
Debits Total:		-101.76
Ending Balance:		\$3281.03
Outstanding Checks		
Compassion Fayetteville		-250.00
Tentative Balance:		\$3031.03

- b) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger: Our membership is ahead of where it was at this point last year. We had 84 members before this meeting, three signed up tonight so now we have 87 members. Beth sent around a sign-up sheet for snacks for the next meeting and thanked Ann Marie Ziegler, Patsey Ferritor, Wanda Stephens, Johana Thomas, and Martha DeVault for this evening's fine fare.
 - c) In celebration of the grand opening of Soar Blue’s new Bluetique at 125 E Township St Suite #15, Fayetteville, AR 72703 our door prize tonight was a \$25 Soar Blue gift certificate.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- a) Leah Frieden, the WCDW’s representative for the Women in History Coalition. Other members of the coalition are Altrusa, American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Fayetteville Professional Women, and WC League of Women Voters. Each year they hold a banquet to honor women who have made a difference in our county. This year the honorees are Demara Blanco Baker, Dorothy Dodson Marcy, Mireya Reith, and Maudie Schmitt. The Banquet is Monday, March 25, at Mermaids. To purchase tickets contact Alice Ann at 479-442-8015.
 - b) Upcoming Events: March 2 - Soar Blue grand opening and Ready to Run Campaign Training in Fort Smith; March 14 - The BASH for Planned Parenthood; March 16 - Iron Jawed Angels at Shiloh Museum and FishShack Dinner in Little Rock; March 22 - Legislative Forum at the FPLibrary. March 18 - WCDemocrats; March 19 - WC Senior Dems; April 19 - Dems Rock (volunteers needed).
 - c) Our next meeting will feature our own Beth Coger. Beth attends the Quorum Court meetings on the proposed jail expansion and tax increase and she researches the issue and all of its implications.

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