

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, March 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 February 26, 2019; all approved.
4. Officers' Reports:
 - a) PRESIDENT: Gracie Ziegler advised us to get up every day and tackle the day! This is Women's History month and we had a slap in the face when Senator Elliot's initiative to ratify the ERA was not allowed out of committee. This also happened in Arizona and will probably happen in every other state that tries to ratify the ERA, but we will keep working. State-wide we have had more positive news from the legislation proposed by our local elected officials. In fact, there may be breaking news tonight. The Arkansas primary date has been moved to February which means the filing date to run for 2020 positions will be in November or possibly December of 2019. So we need to start planning now. We have donation jars around the sign-in and food tables since we are donation driven.
 - b) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:		\$3281.03
Deposits: Memberships	1120.00	
Deposits Total:		+\$1120.00
Debits:		
Compassion Fayetteville	-250.00	
Online membership fees	-50.86	
Women in History Contrib	-50.00	
Debits Total:		-\$350.86
Ending Balance:		\$4050.17
Outstanding Checks		
Activity Fees - January		
February		
Outstanding Checks		-\$325.00
Tentative Balance:		\$3725.17
 - c) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger: Beth welcomed first-time attendees to stand and introduce themselves. Then she passed around sign-up sheets for snacks for future meetings. As of yesterday, we had 89 members and 8 signed up today. Yooohooo!!
 - d) PROGRAMMING: Emalee Davis gave us a sneak peek of what is coming up: In April we will have Starr Haas from Vote, Run Lead for a kick-off program for all the events that they have scheduled for NW AR. In May we will have Feed Communities to talk about food insecurity in NWAR. We will have a mini-food drive in conjunction with this meeting for the children who won't have school breakfast and lunch in the summer. Other upcoming topics include volunteer engagement and other compromised populations in NWAR. We are always open to ideas and suggestions for programs and we thank you for being with us tonight when there are so many things going on in our area.
5. PROGRAM: Stephen Coger was very proud to introduce our speaker who happens to be his mom, Beth Coger. Beth came to Fayetteville from a small community and was not politically active until she found the WCDW. She was a paralegal for 44 years and now she is using her experience to try to find alternatives to locking people in cages. After the presentation, the conversation continued with members of the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Sherriff's Office, and the Quorum Court. Video of this presentation may be viewed on the [Washington County Democratic Women's FaceBook page](#). Over 200 people watched this video in the first week that it was posted - it is very informative.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - a) Democrats Rock, the biggest political party of the year, is scheduled for April 19. Tickets and sponsorship are available now. We also need silent auction items.
 - b) We had a drawing for a Dems Rock commemorative T-shirt.
 - c) Peggy Boyles announced that the NWA Democratic Black Caucus is celebrating their annual Diversity and Inclusion in Education Banquet on March 26 at Mermaids. Senator Joyce Elliot is the featured speaker. Tickets are \$35 and the money goes to college scholarships.

- d) Andrea Jenkins, WC District 10 JP, invited everyone to attend the monthly Quorum Court meetings on the third Thursday of the month at the WC Courthouse. Also, the Jail Committee will be meeting on April 8th, and Beth will be speaking and all of the meetings are open to the public.
- e) thank you to everyone who brought in snacks!
- f) Nicole Clowney's bill for medical care for firefighters goes to the full house this week.
- g) March 27 - free screening of 12 Years a Slave at the Malco Theater
- h) March 28
 - "How Chasing Women Voters in the White South Changed American Politics" with Angie Maxell at the Pryor Center
 - Green Drinks to say goodbye to Lauren Karpinski
 - Lady Razorbacks
 - Tarana Burke at the Fayetteville Town Center
- i) April 7 - Walk the Xtra Mile for Seven Hills
- j) April 9 - Fayetteville Bond Election
- k) April 12 - Legislative Session at the Fayetteville Public Library
- l) tomorrow on FaceBook Denise Garner will be having a press conference and introducing gun legislation.

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