

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance -
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019; all approved.
4. Officers' Reports:
 - a) PRESIDENT: Gracie Ziegler Just like our group is a team effort, this election cycle will be a team effort and we support Democrats. Once there is one Democratic Presidential candidate we will support him/her. Our opposition would like to divide us and we will not
 - b) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:	\$4050.17
Deposits:	
Memberships (at meeting)	240.00
Memberships (mail-in)	40.00
Membership (on-line)	185.00
Deposits Total:	+\$567.00
Debits:	
Hilton Garden Inn (activity fee)	-400.00
Online membership fees	-6.83
Reimbursement (activity fee)	-125.00
Debits Total:	-\$531.83
Ending Balance:	\$4085.34
 - c) SECRETARY: Annie Langston gave a report on the State Democratic Committee meeting.
 - d) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger: Beth welcomed first-time attendees to stand and introduce themselves. We welcomed women from Carroll and Benton Counties as well as Washington. Then she passed around sign-up sheets for snacks for future meetings. As of yesterday, we had 101 members and 2 signed up today. We have officially topped 100!!
 - e) PROGRAMMING: Emalee Davis gave us a sneak peek of what is coming up: In May we will have Feed Fayetteville 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 for this summer will focus on volunteer engagement so that we can be the best volunteers who get the best candidates elected.

PROGRAM: Tonight Starre Haas is here to get us enthused about all the events that Vote, Run Lead has scheduled for northwest Arkansas. Starr is very active in her hometown of Little Rock and she is the National Program Manager at Vote, Run Lead. She is an expert on women's empowerment, women's political and professional leadership, networking and civic engagement. Vote, Run, Lead has a simple mission: to get women to run for office and WIN. This is a non-partisan group that puts women first and party second. Currently, they have trained over 30,000 women to run and plan to train 30,000 more by 2020. 70% of their first-time candidates won. This training program goes back more than 15 years. They want to confirm that you are ready to run, right now, just as you are. Starre's presentation is available on our [Facebook page](#).

On May 18th Vote, Run Lead is holding a national online training and Fayetteville has been chosen as one of the training sites. If you want to register you can go to <https://voterunlead.org/event/voterunlead-presents-runasyouare2019-multi-city-national-training/>

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) UPCOMING EVENTS:
 - 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, and there are still tickets available.

- Walk A Mile in
 - Central Committee on May 20 will have a round table with our elected representatives.
 - Senior Dems meet on May 21st.
 - We'll be back here on May 28th with Feed Communities.
 - April 25
 1. 1PM- Protesting Tom Cotton's "Town Small" -JQH parking lot
 2. 5:30 -Green New Deal Town Hall, UARK Union hosted by UARK Dems
 - April 28th, Sunday, NWA Poor People's Campaign Rally 2-4PM on the Fayetteville Square
 - May 14th Policy By the Glass with AR Advocates for Children and Families
 - May 18th Vote, Run Lead Run As You Are Training Event, Fayetteville and nation-wide
 - May 19th Washington and Benton County joint campaign training at Springdale Library 2 - 4:15
 - June 1st Emerge Arkansas Kickoff event in Little Rock
- b) Input from elected officials
- Andrea Jenkins reported that the Jail Committee has gotten lots of information from Democratic women and they are still working on the issue.
 - Eva Madison reported that her mom has proposed legislation to the county to make landlords ensure habitability of their property since similar legislation wasn't passed at the state level.
 - Tim Snively introduced himself and announced that he's running for a new circuit judge seat in the 4th Judicial Drug District, which includes Washington and Madison counties.
- c) Thank you to Judy Gardner, Tara Vaughan, Rita Officer, Sarah Thompson and Denice Nelson for bringing tonight's wonderful snacks.

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