

Washington County Democratic Women

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

1. Call to Order –Gracie Ziegler, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance -
3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019; all approved.
4. Officers' Reports:
 - a) PRESIDENT: Gracie Ziegler reminded us that there is a lot going on. It is 525 days until election day and 160 days until filing begins on November 4th. This is much earlier than in past years due to the earlier primary date. We need to help candidates to be ready. The Vote, Run Lead training was really good and was a great jumping off point for those who are ready to work hard and run. The next immersive training is an Emerge training in October. The ARK Dems State Committee meeting is June 1 in Hot Springs; everyone is welcome to attend. If you can't attend please contact your State Committee members, Annie Langston, Emily Sledge, Lisa Whitaker, Linnette Garber are all Democratic Women who will take your concerns to the central party. Important issues on the agenda are filing fees (AR has the highest in the country); the method for selecting State Delegates; and 10 Rules changes that can be found at ARKDems.org.
 - b) TREASURE: Glenda Patterson:

Beginning Balance:	\$4085.34
Deposits: Online memberships	
Deposits Total:	\$40.00
Debits:	
On-line transaction fee (for memberships)	
Debits Total:	<u>-9.87</u>
Ending Balance:	\$4115.47
Outstanding Checks	
Hilton Garden Inn	<u>-200.00</u>
Tentative Balance:	\$3915.47
 - c) MEMBERSHIP: Beth Coger welcomed the first-timers and reported that we now have 104 active members. Also, Laura Villegas has copies of a letter to Sheriff Helder asking him not to renew 287g. The jail committee will present to the Quorum Court and the Court will vote to proceed with the jail expansion. Please attend and let your views be heard or just watch how the Quorum Court works.
 - d) PROGRAM: EmmaLe Davis - Our goal with future programming is to bring in the underrepresented groups of our community and to get our members ready to be the best darn volunteers on the campaign trail. Details will be coming soon.
5. PROGRAM: Kent Eikenberry with the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank explained to us that NWAR has a food insecurity problem because we have many people who are working and don't make much money. 15% of our population doesn't know where their next meal is coming from, worse yet 26% of these people are under 18. The vast majority of people served by the NWAR Food Bank are working or elderly.
6. UPCOMING EVENTS:
 - a) June 1 - Emerge Arkansas kickoff event in Little Rock
-State Committee meeting in Hot Springs
 - b) June 2 Wear Orange with Moms Demand in Springdale
 - c) June 8 Wear Orange with Moms Demand in Fayetteville
 - d) June 10 Quorum Court Jail Expansion Committee meeting at the Courthouse at 6:00 pm
 - e) June 13 -15 Fayetteville Pride Events
 - f) June 17 - Central Committee
 - g) June 18 - Senior Democrats
 - h) June 25 - Democratic Women
 - i) June 29 Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade in Springdale

We had a big thank you to Margaret Clark, Mary Alice Serafini, Georgia Ross, Margaret Jacobsen and Kay Abney for tonight's delicious 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