

Washington County Democratic Women

November 15, 2022 Minutes

Welcome

EmmaLe Davis calls the meeting to order. We are in person and on zoom. We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes haven't been posted, so we will do that next time. The goal for tonight is to get the 2023 officers elected and begin the transition process, so we can start 2023 strong.

Financial Report – presented by Glenda Patterson

Ending balance Sept. 30, 2022 \$4,768.23

Debits-

Online fees- \$36.59

Zoom fees- \$13.56

Domain registry- \$432.00

Total- \$482.15 \$4,286.08

Credits-

Donations- \$85.00 \$4,371.08

Ending balance October 31, 2022 \$4,371.08

November activity thus far:

Donation- online, \$20.00 (credit)

check, \$20.00 (credit)

Online fee- \$7.37 (debit)

Conference room activity fee \$225.00 (debit)

Tentative balance \$4,178.71

Membership Report -- New officers can make decisions about dues in 2023

New Business: Nominations for 2023

President – AshLee Hicks is nominated and accepts. Floor open for additional nominations and there are none.

Treasurer: Glenda Patterson is nominated and accepts. Floor open for additional nominations and there are none.

Secretary: Leana Houston is nominated and accepts. No more nominations from the floor.

Vice President for programming: No one is nominated, so we will keep working on it.

Membership: No one is nominated, so we will keep working on it, also.

We move to accept by acclamation with no objections. All nominated officers are elected unanimously: Ash Lee Hicks, Glenda Patterson and Leana Houston.

Program: What do we want to see for next year? Need to bring back attendance that declined during covid, so we will focus on bringing a friend and increasing membership. AshLee talked about wanting to increase membership, fundraising, and excitement. Sarah Thompson talked about the concern for Arkansas with the new governor is similar to the worries from 2017 with the president. We need to do more than go vote. We need to be proactive and do more to put ourselves out into the community. Beth Coger talked about how the community can be engaged with the Quorum Court like writing letters, attending meetings and building relationships. We will also be looking at criminal justice reform, so we need support for it brought to the Quorum Court. So a goal of reengaging the group and engaging in the community. Want to keep a focus on elections and who else will be running in the future.

Announcements: Gracie Ziegler – state member meeting tomorrow night over zoom to vote over changing by laws to update them. She also went this weekend to southern weekend conference in Biloxi. They will also be discussing the election and moving forward.

Adjourn

EmmaLe adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Leana Houston