

**Washington County Democratic Women
Minutes for March 28, 2023**

President Ash Lee Hicks called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved for February meeting with correction of the spelling for Carol Widder's name.

Financial report submitted by Glenda Patterson

Ending balance January 31, 2023		\$4748.22
Debits:		
Online fees	88.81	
Zoom fees	13.56	
Women in history	50.00	
Total debits:	152.37	
Credits and donations:		
Online	352.50	
Check	10.00	
Total credits	336.50	
Ending balance for February 28, 2023		\$4932.35
March activity to date:		
Online fees	- 42.66	
Hyatt place	-135.86	
Donations	+346.50	
Tentative balance		\$5100.33

Membership report given by Mary Alice Serafina: 50 members. She is working to verify all information to make sure it is correct and everyone is included. Goal of 1000 members so bring friends from all parts of the county. Sign up for future meetings to bring treats.

Special recognition: Women In History. Recognized Paula Irwin and Glenda Patterson from our group.

Carol Widder discussed plans for future meetings: April: Period poverty. May: Jess Piper dirt road democrat. June: Billy Cook about renters union. July: Al Allen and work on Medicaid. Contact her about other interests on programming.

Recognition of elected officials present
Beth Coger as JP

Discussions about ARPA fund applications and denials by Washington county.

Gracie Ziegler

Speaking for Keaton Smith who is running for school board re-election

Caitlin Oxford. Sec of Wash Co Democrats, currently an emerge training participant and planning to run.

Ash Lee running for JP 15

Program started with Ash Lee Hicks introducing guest speaker Kaleem Nazeem. Author of Broken Pyramid of Trauma. How the prison system promotes recidivism.

Old business:

Sticker and button sale

New business

For official members June 8-10 National meeting in New Orleans

T-shirt contest, can submit design for \$10, April will vote in designs, will support dem women candidates. So far we have four designs

Volunteers for raffle gifts and refreshments for next meeting

Every Friday 4-5 at NWA fab lab. Face to face with your legislators. Located under Tim's on the square.

Emerge training participants needing support. Caitlin Draper Mattelin and Catlin Oxford are currently participating in the training. It costs \$750 plus travel to attend. Support them and help cover their expenses.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leana Houston

Secretary