

Washington County Democratic Women

June 27, 2023

Minutes

President Ash Lee Hicks called the meeting to order. Everyone recited the pledge. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer: Glenda Patterson presented her report:

Ending balance April 30, 2023	\$4445.50
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Debits:

Online fees:	\$ 21.62	
Zoom fee:	14.47	
Room rental	823.15	
Total	859.24	\$3586.26

Credits:

Cash donations	55.00
Online donations	130.00
Check donations	20.00
Sticker sale	28.00
Total	233.00

Ending balance for May 31, 2023	\$3819.26
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June activity

Debits:

Online fee	2.34
Online fee	5.88
Zoom fee	14.47

Credits:

Donations 45.00

Tentative balance for June \$3841.57

Membership report given by Mary Alice Serafina: 58 members now. Bring friends and people you know. Keep contributing to Act Blue.

Programming report presented by Ash Lee Hicks:

July - Al Allen, work to keep people on Arkansas Medicaid

August – Whitney Fantinel, program coordinator for The Diaper Collective

September –

October – won't have a meeting

November – will be earlier in the month

At either the September or November meeting will have Dr. Chris Jones

Recognition of elected officials:

Beth Coger – July Quorum Court meeting will include another vote concerning the ARPA money and which organizations might receive funds.

Party officers:

Billy Cook – Democratic party had a good time representing at the Pride Parade. Marched and got sign ups for membership.

Gracie Ziegler – Democratic Party of Arkansas, vice chair of auxiliaries. Engaging in communities now to begin work for elections. July 27 will have state meeting on zoom.

Program:

Billy Cook with Arkansas Renters United

Discussed lack of laws and protections for renters. No requirement of habitability in the state. Arkansas also has criminal charges when late on rent and being evicted. The group exists to speak on behalf of renters. Work in Fayetteville where landlords are required to have a registry with contact number provided. Asking next for info to be posted about whether they accept

vouchers. Biggest goal – warranty of habitability. Discussed federal right for ability to associate in low income housing. Last Sunday of every month there is a renters meeting at St Paul's.

New Business

Vortex PAK with Dr. Chris Jones. Focus on fundraising and finding candidates for congressional races. July 18, 530-7, Willard room at library

Call to action

Sign Capes petition.

Training to volunteer to get signatures

Lou Sharp with Washington Co Democrats – Saturday the Democrats and Capes will be at farmer's market.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Leana Houston, secretary