WA State Federation of Democratic Women (WSFDW)

April 22, 2017 1:00 p.m. Walla Walla

The meeting was called to order by WSFDW President Donna McLain at 2 pm.

Introductions: Donna McLain - President, Catherine Chambers – VP1, Megan Richie - Secretary, Paul McLain - Treasurer, Elaine Phelps - Past President, Kathy Lawrence – NFDW Western Regional Director.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** M/S/P

**Treasurers Report** – Paul McLain

Membership dues to the Federation were submitted by counties represented and will reflect in next month’s report. Ending Balance as of April 2017 = $2,333.63

The **Agenda** and revised **WSFDW Website** were reviewed. **WSFDW Secretary Megan Richie** summarized the Women’s Caucus presentation(s).

**Affiliated Club Reports by Chairs or Representatives**:

**Liz Campbell - Clark Co**. (Proxy for Katie L. Archer Jolma, President)

86 current members. Club will be having a softball game in June.

**Megan Richie, V-P - Cowlitz Co.** (Proxy for Sherry Davis, President)

38 current members. 16th Annual Suffragette Tea was well attended. Last speakers were Megan Richie and Deb Cantrell on their experiences with the Women’s March. Next speaker is Dorothy Gasque, Candidate running for Congressional 3rd District against Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R).

**Melissa Rose, Pres.** - **Ferry Co**.

Re-org recently and new meeting location (Basement of the Episcopal Church). New Indivisibles group meets at the hospital and the CEO of the hospital will be the next speaker.

**Elaine Phelps, Pres. - Shoreline Co.**

Irregular meetings; most members are spread out but still making it. Contact Elaine to be on Current Political Events E-Mail distribution.

**Spokane Co.** – Not currently represented. (Megan R. contacted YD members of Spokane and they are inquiring about putting one together)

**Cristine Garst, Pres. - Thurston Co.**

Denny Heck was the last speaker. 75 available positions in the county, and the group is working on candidates to run. Memorial Remembrance of Joyce Gillie, former Past President. Memorial Obit is also on the WSFDW web page. Donations are requested to go to Zanta, a non-profit focusing on women who have been affected by sex trafficking.

**Denise Marshall, Pres.- Whatcom Co.**

175 current members. Organized 3 buses to attend the Women’s March in January. The cost of the bus included membership to the WCDW. Multiple rallies organized in Bellingham and presented movies like “Equal means Equal” and a Civics 101 presentation. 45th LD Campaign Event Next Sat.4/29th

**Barbara O’Brien & Leslie Hamada - At large Members -** No report

**NFDW News/ Blue Ribbon Lobby Day - Kathy Lawrence**: National President Joanne Sullivan is working on vetting memberships and is looking for a location for a Regional NFDW gathering since it hasn’t happened in a while. Kathy suggested that WSFDW consider hosting it. Catherine Chambers mentioned WSFDW hosting the 1977 National Women's Conference.

Blue Ribbon Lobby Day was on April 10th in Austin, Texas, and Democrat and Progressive women from all over participated.

**Candidates:**  Matthew Sutherland is a candidate running for the 5th Congressional District. David McDevitt is running for 3rd Congressional District against Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R).

**New Business:**

\*WSFDW Nominating Committee Announcement\* Please submit your Candidate Bios or statements to the WSFDW President so that they can be e-mailed in advance of the September Re-Org Meeting, and Chairs can distribute to their delegates. Materials held by previous WSFDW Presidents should be brought to the Sept. meeting to be given to the new President. WSFDW President Donna McLain took the action to distribute to the WSFDW E-Board the State recommended Models for Endorsement reviewed this weekend in the Rules Committee, along with a recently-surfaced WSFDW endorsement policy provided by Catherine Chambers so that action might be taken by the new E-Board after the Re-Org Meeting.

Catherine Chambers made a motion to have the Re-Org meeting extended beyond an hour or have an additional meeting for business. Seconded, Discussion. Concern was expressed over the current scheduling challenges with the State caucuses and committees to avoid double-booking for attendees, and the cost of booking space and time apart from the State Meeting in Sept. President Donna McLain committed to scheduling the election of a new WSFDW President in September. Other Club Chairs and officers volunteered to help work the problem of the balance of the E-Board elections given the time constraint of an hour-long meeting. Motion was passed.

Adjourned 2:13pm

Yours in Service,

Megan Richie

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