

February Zoom Meeting

1. Order -- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Janie Jarrett. All joined in with the Pledge of Allegiance and explanation of plans for future Roll Call ideas.

2. Minutes from December Reorganizational Meeting were read & a Motion to accept by Toni Spieth with a second by Teresa Foster and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report -- Treasurer, Anita Davolt reports that we have \$3399.63 in operating funds & \$966.61 in Scholarship savings account. Reminder for those who purchased floral arrangements, from Steve for donation to the Party, to get checks to Anita for deposit.

4. New Business --

a. Website introduction -- ckcodems.org with the message and direction of "We work for you the people" & volunteers to write blog article & list of books on differing points of view.

b. New design for Party T-shirts -- Dems Care

c. Different ways to reach out to list of Dems to promote involvement.

d. Discussed 5 Calls App to assist with reaching out to legislators to voice concerns.

Topics are changing rapidly & would be beneficial to have list of priorities.

e. Health Director, Peyton Kessler discussed the current bill regarding SNAP restrictions. Healthy options are limited due to Food Desert in Cherokee with only 3 grocery stores & the only other option are convenient stores. Funding freeze of grants are also creating a roadblock for assistance.

f. Toni also adds that it has been introduced & promoted by Governor Kelly to raise the minimum wage & the benefits to the average worker.

5. Existing & New Committees --

a. Senior Scholarship & Teacher Grants -- Continue Scholarships & expand to Teacher Grants.

b. Law Enforcement & First Responders Committee -- Recognize outstanding actions in the community.

c. Outstanding Democrat Committee for Betty McBride Award (yearly) with first award presented at the April Dinner/Meeting by honoring Betty

d. Commissioner's Meeting Committee -- 8 people to rotate each week on Mondays @ 9am in Commissioner's Room

e. Legislative Watchdog Committee -- Justin discussed keeping track of the legislature in Topeka & reporting each month to the group & constituents.

f. Earth Day Committee -- Ideas to show our support for protecting the environment on or around Earth Day. (eg. Recycling, planting trees, litter clean up et.)

6.* Next Meeting will be held by Zoom on March 13th

*April Meeting & Dinner will be in-person located in Galena at the Community Room on 4/10/25 , gather at 6pm with dinner at 6:30.

There was a Motion to adjourn by Cindy Epler with a second by Donna Peterson. The motion unanimously carried.