

ACDWC Board Minutes and supplemental notes for 1-6-25

Present: Ann Miller, Ann Mostoller, Regina Guy, Ebony Capshaw, Sissy Byram

Minutes: November minutes presented by Ann Miller. Ann Mostoller moved to accept the minutes and Regina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Business meeting: Business meeting notes will be presented at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Since Amanda is out of town, Regina moved to go over the treasurers report at the next meeting. Ann Mostoller seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Audit: The audit will be completed after the next board meeting with those who can stay after.

Programs: Ann Mostoller led the discussion on programs

Holiday Party - Lessons Learned: Still need to get all receipts, add them up, divided in half, and give the amount to the ACDP for reimbursement. Also discussed dividing the Holiday Party and Picnic up by election year. ACDP will host these parties in non election years, ACDWC will host them in election years.

Business Meeting - Lessons Learned: Discussed finding a new location for meetings in Clinton. Apple Blossom Cafe has a few issues. Ebony is reaching out to Aspire Park about their private room for times we don't want to bring food.

Rough Outline of 2025 Programs

Jan - WIP review of the election

Feb - Sylvia Wood

Mar- trying to get a representative from Americans United

Apr- trying to get Sharon Lee as a speaker

May- Sam McKenzie

Jun- Immigration issues in 2025

Jul- Ackers discussing climate change

Aug- WIP program - candidates for 2026

Sep- Picnic

Oct- Ebony and Ellen Smith

Nov- Business Meeting

Dec- Holiday Party

Scholarship: Ann Miller suggested included EMERGE in the scholarship committee. Ebony would be in charge of this and since she has been through it she can explain it to people. We also discussed the need to promote and help local women appointees and elected officials

move up. We also discussed ways to get more Oak Ridge students interested in the scholarship.

The essay also came up. We discussed using the standard grant/scholarship form and adding a very direct questionnaire or essay prompt. We also discussed paying more on the scholarship but it wasn't decided.

Vision: Our vision for the year is to get younger women (under 30) as well as youth to join us. We discussed ideas such as a business sponsored happy hour and hosting events at Roane State or Pellissippi during class hours to be more visible. Any ideas are welcome.

Fundraising: The budget is looking good. Any fundraising will be around a specific topic such as the scholarships since it is not an election year.

Roles and Responsibilities: Regina moved to discuss this at next meeting and Ebony seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Newsletter: Should come out the 1st week of the month. Ann Miller is currently waiting on a blurb for the January event and a short article about the last business meeting. Sissy has agreed to write these up. If you have any ideas about the newsletter please let Ann Miller know.

Regina reminded us of some upcoming events in the community:

Jan 11, 2 pm at Market Square in Knoxville - Voucher Scam Rally

Jan 19, 12 pm at World's Fair Park, Knoxville - Human Rights March

Next Meeting/Adjournment: The next board meeting will be February 3rd, 5:30 pm. Ann Mostoller is bringing the food and Regina is bringing drinks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sissy Byram