

**Walker County Democrat Club
General Meeting
February 11, 2019**

Meeting opened at 5:30 by President Andie Ho

Minutes from last meeting approved with a second from Dorothy Willett.

Treasurer Report: Andy Dewees : Balance of \$7,557.00. Motion to accept the treasurer report, 2nd by Joann Anderson. Motion carried. Ticket sales are down for the Molly Ivins dinner. Treasurer encouraged all to sell more. Credit card and Paypal purchases are now available online at the club's website. Rich Heiland has done a commendable job of getting advertisement out on the event. Dorothy Willett indicated that five or more QUALITY items are needed for the auction. Bill Abbott has agreed to be the auctioneer. Rich Heiland mentioned that we were lucky to be able to get Mr. Corchado because of his paid engagement with Thoreau Woods who are providing him with a \$350 stipend for their event.

President stated receipt of a letter from LULAC on their Scholarship banquet on February 18. Treasurer Andy Dewees stated that the Club usually donates \$150 to \$200 toward this event, and that we usually pass the hat for LULAC as well as for NAACP during the general meeting. This was done and the goal met.

President commented on her participation at Emancipation park where a free food distribution took place. This was sponsored by "Helping Hands Ministries." There is a need for more volunteers to get involved. The next distribution will be on February 16. Volunteers should show up at 8:30 am, and the distribution will occur at 10 am.

Update by Andy Dewees on our new headquarters location (1210 University Ave) which is being remodeled currently. The space is smaller but sufficient . A lease will be discussed tomorrow with the realtor, and the move will take place in mid-March.

Question related to new potential Walker County Democratic Party Chair progress -Joann Anderson stated that Roslyn was still in the consideration phase.

Brian Elvin discussed the need to find candidates for our next local election which would give us about 10 months.

Ray Martin discussed his new organization (Political Action Committee) supporting local, state and national candidates,. He further stated that there needs to be a challenger for Kevin Brady.

Meeting Adjourned at 7pm to hear our speaker - Carl Jones, State Coordinator for NURO (Non-Urban Rural Outreach). The main goal of NURO is to get out the Democratic vote in rural areas.