

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
WALKER COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB
13 MAY 2019

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm by Andie Ho.

Prior to the Club's business meeting, Walker County Tax Assessor-Collector Diana McRae and Julie Cooper from the county election office reported on the county's new Vote Marking Machines. The new machines allow the voter to select their candidate choices and print out a marked paper ballot. Beginning with the November 2019 election, the new machines will be available along with the old paper ballot system. Club members were able to view and use a demonstration model of the new system. Demonstration machines will be available during business hours at Walker County Annex building for review by voters from June 3 to August 15. Details on the use of the new machines can be seen at the County's web site www.co.walker.tx.us.

CALL TO ORDER: President Andie Ho opened the business meeting of the Walker County Democrat Club. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, amended, and approved.

REPORTS: Treasurer Andy Dewees presented the treasurer's report. Approval was moved, seconded, and accepted. Total income for the month was \$1438.52, and total expenses were \$1430.99, resulting in a balance of \$6916.96.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new TV stand for headquarters was built and donated by Andy Dewees.

Volunteers from the Club provided voter registration at the Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 4. Several voter registration forms were handed out to prospective voters and four people were registered to vote.

The Club will participate in the upcoming Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 15. John Adams and Barbara Townsend previously offered use of their trailers to carry people and a float. A truck will be needed as well.

Outgoing County Chair, Terry Presley, is in discussions with Jenny Byboth about becoming the new Walker County Democratic Party Chair. Jenny is very interested in the position and is learning moiré about the responsibilities of a county chair at this time. She managed the local campaign headquarters for Beto O'Rourke's run for U. S. Senate. Terry Presley indicated that new Democratic Precinct Chairs are needed for all precincts. Current chairs need to reapply every two years, and volunteers to serve as precinct chairs are welcome.

President Ho reviewed the Club's role in trail maintenance at Eastham-Thomason Park. On a quarterly basis the Club picks up trash and does minimal trail repair in the park. Nick Ransford indicated that members of Huntsville, TX Pride will also assist with work at the park.

The Club was reminded of upcoming dates for annual fundraisers:

Wine Tasting Fundraiser at City Hall Café on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Molly Ivins First Amendment Award dinner at Walker Education Center on February 29, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Dianne Myers

