

**Walker County Democrat Club
Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2019**

- 1. President Andie Ho opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. She called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Andy Dewees detailed income and expenditures and reported a balance of \$8,530.69.**
- 2. Dewees reported on progress in obtaining new Democrat headquarters. The Club's current lease ends on March 31, 2019, at which time we will vacate this location. We are in negotiations for the space at 1210 Univ Ave, next door to Cloud 9. It is smaller than our current space but the rent is more affordable. No formal agreement at this time.**
- 3. Plans are progressing for the Molly Ivins- First Amendment Award banquet, held at Walker Education Center on Saturday Feb 23, 6-9 pm. This year's First Amendment Awardee is journalist Alfredo Corchado, Mexico City bureau chief for The Dallas Morning News. He will be the keynote speaker for the evening with introduction by Rich Heiland who was the first recipient of the Club's First Amendment Award.**
- 4. Vice President Dorothy Willett reported on her visit to the recent Senate District 5 meeting. She reported that the next State Democratic Party convention will be on June 6, 2020. At the meeting she recruited state Democratic spokesman David Currie as speaker for our February meeting.**
- 5. Andie Ho discussed possible volunteer projects for the Club as well as new Club tee shirt design.**
- 6. Speakers for the evening were Drs Lee Miller and Joyce McCauley who described the SHSU Center for Community Engagement. The more than 200 Academic Community Engagement courses at SHSU provide opportunities for students to engage in community service. Club members discussed town-gown issues with the speakers.**

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm, Andy Dewees