



Montgomery County Republican Women's Luncheon

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

Call to Order: The monthly luncheon meeting was called to order by President Tina Englen at 11:35 a.m.

The Invocation was led by Chaplain, Opal Kennedy.

Prior to leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**, Americanism Chair, Willi Frank gave comments about immigration laws.

Welcome to Members and Guests was made by President Englen.

- In addition to the members, speaker and March primary candidates, present were Mayor Wes Golden, Alex Joyner from Congressman Mark Green's office, SEC members Pat Allen and Doug Englen, County Election Commissioners Sue Ellen Yates and Brenda Graham, Commissioners Joe Smith and Jason Knight and Registrar of Deeds, Julie Runyon.
- MCRW 2024-2025 Officers in attendance were 1st Vice President Brenda Graham, 2nd Vice President Taylor Hornung, Recording Secretary Marie Tillman, Corresponding Secretary Pat Allen, Treasurer Juanita Golson and Immediate Past President Teresa Tuttle.
- Prior to lunch, President Englen addressed the new business regarding **Membership** that was decided in the MCRW Board meeting on January 29, 2023. She shared that funds for our club come from two sources: membership dues and annual fundraisers and that we only break even from luncheon fees. Therefore, the Board voted that beginning in March, luncheon attendance would be limited to members and associate members and guests of them. She explained the benefits of being a member and that we receive our awards based on our membership numbers and our volunteer hours at the end of the two-year period.
- President Englen reminded members that **Ladies Day on the Hill** is March 18th and that payment in the amount of \$65 or \$75 for shuttle should be paid to Treasurer Juanita Golson. She is working on arrangements for a van/bus to transport members to the event.
- Montgomery County Party Chairman, Doug Englen had nothing to add to President Tina Englen's announcement of May 3, 2024 for the **Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner**.
- President Englen announced that **Early Voting** is February 14-27 for the **March 5th Primary Election**, that a **photo** of members will be made after candidates speak for the TFRW and that the **April Luncheon** will be an evening event.

Lunch was served.

Brenda Graham presented **Raffle Giveaway** gifts to winners, Teresa Wyatt and Lori Mason.

Today's **Speaker, Property Assessor Erinne Hester**, was introduced by 1st Vice President, Brenda Graham.



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- Erinne introduced her Chief Deputy, Derrick Flanigan and explained what they do in the Assessor's office, adding that it is a Constitutional office, as well as how Julie Runyon, the Registrar of Deeds works with the Assessor's office.
- She discussed Revaluation; it's intent, how it is done and why it is done.
- Erinne discussed the Certified Tax Rate ("Truth-in-Taxation") Law, gave examples of how it is done, what it produces, what it means to the taxpayer, the current revaluation cycle and the EQ.
- She took questions.

Candidates were introduced individually by 1st Vice President Brenda Graham. Each candidate was given 2 minutes to speak. Those present were School Board District 6 candidates Chris Lanier and Maribeth Knight, School Board District 2 candidate Kacie Bryant and Assessor of Property candidate Erinne J. Hester.

Old Business: President Englen called for a motion to disperse of the reading of the January Financial Report and the January Meeting Minutes until March. Motion was made by Willi Frank and seconded by Teresa Tuttle.

New Business: Not on the Agenda was the upcoming Empty Bowls to be held on February 18, 2024. Tickets can be obtained from Cheryl Chapin or go to Clarksville Urban Ministries website to purchase.

March 12 Luncheon speaker will be Sherry Nicholson of Yai Pak and **Reservations** should be made to Taylor Hornung. The **April 2nd Luncheon** will be an evening event.

The **GOP meeting** is on February 27th at 7:00 pm; the **RRRW meeting** is February 17 at 9:45 am; and the **Montgomery County Young Republican meeting** is February 20th at 6:30 pm.

Other Announcements: Mayor Golden announced that the 102nd Airborne Assault has challenged him to a broom ball contest on February 13th at 6:00 pm in the Ford Ice Center at the Arena. Commissioner Joe Smith announced that he has pulled his petition to run for District 68 Representative since Curtis Johnson will not be running for that seat again. He asked for our vote in the August 1st primary.

President Englen again announced early voting, election day and that a sample ballot can be obtained to see the candidates who are running for office in the March 5 Presidential Primary. There will also be a Register to Vote ride this year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm by President Tina Englen.

Sincerely submitted,

Marie Tillman
Recording Secretary

Attachments: February 6 Agenda, January Treasurer Report, January Meeting Minutes