

Republican Women of Madison: General Meeting
January 15, 2020, 11:30 am
Best Western Plus, Madison

Attendees: 57, plus a TV reporter.

Sheila Banister, president, called the meeting to order at 11:30. Beth Nemati gave the prayer; and Laurie Wilson gave the pledge of allegiance.

The Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Sheila said to watch for the email newsletter around the first of each month. The club is now in its membership drive. Annual dues: \$40.

The board previously voted to begin sponsoring the Christian Women's Job Corps in 2020.

February 17-19 is Legislative Days.

Sheila said the board needs volunteers for positions such as parliamentarian, chaplain, assistant secretary, website, social media, etc.

March 3 is the Alabama primary election. We need help at the polls.

Five minutes per speaker was allotted to Matt Fridy running for the Court of Civil Appeals and Mary Windom for the Criminal Appeals Court.

Lunch Program: Speaker Becky Gerritson, founder of the Wetumpka Tea Party, who testified in congressional hearings regarding the IRS' targeting of select groups. She is now Executive Director of the Eagle Forum of Alabama which is a Christian non-profit advocating for conservative policies. She spoke against Amendment 1 on the March ballot. (1) Which would change our current elected school board to one appointed by the Governor, and (2) Would set national standards virtually identical to current Common Core verbiage. Rather, it's the School boards who vote on guidelines.

Sheila moved that we allocate a budget, not to exceed \$900, to help publicize information regarding Amendment 1 for public education through signage, social media, Internet advertising, etc. It was moved, seconded, and passed.

The Convention of States Action, the Huntsville Tea Party, and Alabama Fair Tax will hold a town Hall, 6:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, January 23.

Adjourn

Carol Wissmann, secretary.