

Republican Women of Madison

November 20,2019

Call to order: President Dee Voelkel called the meeting to order at Best Western Plus in Madison, AL. The prayer was offered by Beth Nemati and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Bebe Oetjen.

The minutes from the RWM October Luncheon/Meeting stand as approved.

President Voelkel welcomed all elected officials, candidates and visitors.

Next, our charity the North Alabama Crisis Center was given our donation. They received a check for \$350. President Voelkel also presented The Best Western Staff with their annual Christmas bonus. The cook, manager, and server all received a \$100 bill with a thank you note. Plus, a special thank you and gift was then presented to our very special outgoing President, Dee Voelkel.

RWM then proceeded to vote for a \$10 increase in annual dues. This increase was needed because of the increase in dues that our National organization (NFRW) needed for their costs.

Lunch Program: Our guest speaker was Probate Judge Frank Barger. Judge Barger explained that his court is the lowest of the county courts. He oversees about 30 areas of administrative duties. Judge Barger spends about 6 1/2 hours day on the bench and has 25 staff members. His cases for example involve adoptions, guardianships, conservatorships, passports, and involuntary commitments to mental institutions. He plans to keep his administration lean and has saved \$40,000 in one area under his management. He will be launching a paperless system in 2020. Interestingly, 20% of all Alabama's adoptions happen in the city of Madison.

Our new officers for 2020-2022 were installed:

Sheila Banister	President
Marcia Parsons	1st Vice President
Glenda Neill	2nd Vice President
Carol Wissmann	Secretary
Susan Pierce	Treasurer

RWM Christmas Social will be December 11,2019 at Applebees in Madison on Hughes Rd. at 11:00 am.

Our next RWM Luncheon/Meeting will be January 15, 2020. Our guest speaker will be Becky Gerritson, Executive Director of the Eagle Forum.

Adjourn

Ann O'Bryant Secretary