

Republican Women of Madison: General Meeting

11:30-12:15, April 15, 2020. Conference Call

Fifteen in Attendance via telephone.

Beth Nemati opened with a prayer.

Sheila Banister, president, reported that we are on Facebook, plus we have a new website: rwmadison.org., where she posts general news, events, newsletters, photos, the minutes and treasurer's report, other websites, and more, such as elections, club business, etc., and a members-only section. You must register for access. Send Sheila suggestions or posts.

Sheila reminded that run-off elections are July 14, and she has been posting where we can go to hear the candidates online.

Our speaker was Elaine Dickson, executive director of Christian Women's Job Corps. The non-profit, faith-based agency trains about 40 women each year in employment and life skills by offering computer and job readiness classes, mentoring, and Bible study. Two separate programs serve both those who have a high school diploma and those working on a GED. Classes are free, as is business attire donated to the Clothes Closet program. A placement program aids graduates in finding work, and a scholarship program helps in funding a higher education. CWJC is also working on a warehouse site to serve men in the contracting trades.

Donations of computers, clothes, or cars are requested, as are volunteers for mentoring. Donations can also be made through smile.amazon.com, through the Kroger rewards program, or by attendance at the annual \$55/person Circles Luncheon at the VBC.

Our next general meeting will be May 20, with Secretary of State, John Merrill, as speaker.

Carol Wissmann, secretary.