

Republican Women of Madison: General Meeting  
June 24, 2020, 11:30 am  
Best Western Plus, Madison

Sheila Banister, president, called the meeting to order at 11:32. She stated that she was grateful for the attendance after all the Covid-19 restrictions. Beth Nemati read the prayer, and Mike Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheila announced that the club's website has been changed, and it now has a members-only section with minutes, newsletters, etc. Full members can access the website but Associate members have to request access. RWM now has a new email address: gmail was going to junk folders. Newsletters go out every month and if you aren't getting them, look in your spam folder to see if they are there. If so, you need to move them from junk to incoming to get them. RWM now has three emails: [President@rwmadison.org](mailto:President@rwmadison.org), [rsvp@rwmadison.org](mailto:rsvp@rwmadison.org), and [repwomenmadison.org](http://repwomenmadison.org).

Sheila also said that we will accept the minutes and Treasury reports from Feb, April, May and June at our July meeting.

There were no elected office holders attending the meeting to be recognized. As for the City Council and mayoral races in August, Sheila said she will plan to do something for the city elections and will send out information as needed later.

Lunch Program: Sheila announced that the Sheriff had an unexpected meeting to attend, so he sent two of his Chief Deputies: Eddie Houk and Stacy Bates. Eddie Houk is over narcotics and has 150 people working with him, but he needs more help. He said that after the protests and riots, no one wants to be a policeman any more – it's tough!! Stacy Bates has spent 14 years in the Huntsville Police Dept

and has worked in support services, 911 ops center, training division, and budgets. His philosophy is to do the right thing for the right reason every time! He said their goal is to have a Deputy in every school in the system. He also said they are building a new 911 center, and it will be open in a few months. All calls for the county will go through the new center which will be state of the art. All emergency calls – law, medical, and fire – will be on the same radio frequency, and they will be able to respond quicker to 911 calls. He also said that \$3-5 M goes to health care of jail inmates.

After the program, Sheila announced that the next RWM meeting will be July 15.

She also announced that the Republican Headquarters has reopened in Park Place Mall.

The Runoff election between Tommy Tuberville and Jeff Sessions will be July 14. Anyone can vote absentee if necessary.

Francis Andrews announced that the Athens Republican Women's club will have a Meet and Greet on July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cambridge Club in Athens.

Tina Clark announced that the City Council elections are coming up. It is a non-partisan election, but one needs to do their research, and be sure about who they are voting for – we don't need to elect liberals!!!! Need to think about the people running and what's best for the city and Madison. Her husband, Gerald Clark, holds the District 6 seat.

Minutes submitted by Glenda Neill.