



January 9, 2024

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome / Introductions**

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Marcus Jones

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:

- [Minutes](#)
- [Financial Report](#)

Announcements:

Officer Reports

- Treasurer – Tamme Adams
- Secretary - Melinda Lou Hensley
- 1st Vice Chair – Laura Butler
- 2nd Vice-Chair – Felix Stacy
- Chair – Bailey Morgan

Committee/Caucus Reports *(To join/form a committee email saline@arkdems.org)*

- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club - Nita Brown
- Community Outreach Committee - Felix Stacy
- Voter Outreach Committee - Melinda Lou Hensley
- Election Commission report - Tamme Adams

Action Items: None

Discussion Items: None

Next DPSC Monthly meeting will be February 13, 2024 at Headquarters

Motion to Adjourn

[Scan here for the latest DPSC “Blue Review” Newsletter:](#)





Join a Committee:

Help us be a stronger party!

Community Outreach Committee:

The DPSC has been working hard to put ourselves out into the community and let the people of Saline County know that we *are* here, and that we *are* working hard toward a better Saline County. A MASSIVE part of that effort has been put together by our Community Outreach Committee. With Felix Stacy serving as the newly appointed chair of the committee, we need more volunteers than ever to help us man booths at events, plan fundraisers, and much more. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please reach out to Felix at (501) 944-1995!

Voter Outreach Committee:

In our September meeting, we formally established the Voter Outreach Committee, to be chaired by Melinda Hensley! This committee will be dedicated to more remote, online work in support of the party. Volunteers for the Voter Outreach Committee will help Melinda in updating VAN, the Voter Access Network, to make sure that folks around Saline County have their voter registration information up-to-date, and to help collect data on where the Democratic Party's efforts should be most focused! If you're interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to Melinda at (501) 249-5010!

But wait! There's more!

There are LOTS more committees in need of volunteers; you can ***absolutely*** serve on more than one committee if you're interested, so don't be shy about being a part of the team! For more information on all of the committees of the Democratic Party of Saline County, go to salinedems.com/committees, then reach out to us at saline@arkdems.org for help starting/joining some!



Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

December 12, 2023/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

ATTENDEES: Pat Edwards, Suzy Velez, Bailey Morgan, Mary Gorden, Michael Gorden, Jon Poteet, Lisa Poteet, Cindy Bowden, Teresa Dannaway, Ana Meja, Tamme Adams, Patty Hector, Brittany Smith, Nita Brown, Kary Hancock, Martha West, Felix Stacy, Jill Stacy, Lela Chism, Amanda McMahon, Chris Smith, Amanda McMahan, Melinda Hensley, Laura Butler, Dustin Parsons, Laura Maestas

Minutes

Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Financial statement approved
2. Previous meeting minutes were not available and were not voted on to be approved.

Action Items:

Bailey Morgan presented a plan to give JP Candidates \$250 each and House candidates who are wholly in Saline County \$500 each. Discussion followed from the floor about increasing the amount. Pat Edwards made a motion to increase JP Contributions to \$350 each and Dustin Parsons amended it to include keeping House candidates at \$500. Nita Brown seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.



Discussion/Informative Items:

Nita Brown gave an update on the State Committee meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in North Little Rock. Retired Colonel Marcus Jones welcomed everyone. He recently filed to run for US Congressional District #2 against French Hill.

Anita shared that there are 64 Democratic Representative candidates who will be on the ballot in 2024; the most since 2012! We must help them get elected and break the Republican Supermajority.

Current DPA finances are \$337,000 in the bank with \$14,900 in liabilities and equity. Grant Tennille, Chair of the State DPA, presented a proposed budget of \$1,446,000 which was passed. Annual expenses were estimated to be: General Operating - \$826,000, State Convention - \$44,000, National Convention - \$100,000 and Coordinated Campaign \$439,000.

Heart of the Party, which is the monthly recurring donors, is now at \$13,000 per month with the average donation being \$40.

Anita also shared that Gavin Newsom, Governor of California, gave a \$50,000 donation to Central High School. Gov. Newsom also sent an email out to his donors asking for contributions to the DPA and has raised approximately \$45,000 so far.



Tamme Adams gave the Treasurer's report. Our current bank balance as of 10/31/23 is \$8,785.49.

Felix Stacy gave an update from the Outreach Committee stating that the DPSC had a float in the Christmas parade with the candidates.

Laura Maestas with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) talked about the work they do recruiting and training volunteers to be advocates for the children in Foster care in Saline County. Currently there are 71 children in foster care and 33 of them have advocates. Laura pleaded for volunteers to help these children navigate the legal system and have an advocate to help determine what is in the best interest of the child and be the voice of the children. To volunteer, reach out to Laura at 501-538-9802 or email her at lmaestas@salinecountycasa.org or for more information.

Bailey Morgan discussed options for getting internet service back at the office at a cheaper rate. He will get firm numbers and bring the motion back at the next meeting. Dustin Parsons offered to add the Dem office to his Verizon account and we could get a hot spot. Most members were in favor of getting a hot spot so that it could be used at events outside of the main headquarters.

Dustin Parsons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Nita Brown seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and everyone enjoyed a potluck meal together after the meeting.



December 2023 Abbreviated Report

Starting Balance: \$8,785.49
Deposits and Credits: \$571.33
Expenditures: \$3,633.06
Ending Balance: \$5,723.76

Expenditures included regular monthly bills of Rent for \$425 and GoDaddy (website) for \$26.99 as well as \$350 donations to each of the JP candidates and \$500 to the two state legislature candidates for a total of \$3,450.



Democratic Party of Saline County - Membership Form

Please mail all forms to Melinda Lou Hensley at 4904 Hensley Road, Benton, AR 72019 or email form to saline@arkdems.org.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender Identity: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

(Residence)

(Business)

(Cell)

Date of Birth: _____ Employment: _____

Email: _____

Please circle your preference in notification: Email Text Phone call

Please circle the committee/caucuses you wish to join:

Black/Latino

Senior Democrats

Stonewall

Young Democrats(16 - 36)

Democratic Women

Community Activism

Community Outreach

Voter Outreach

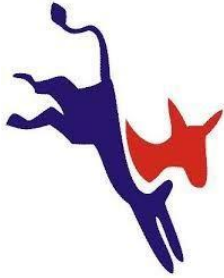
Candidate Recruitment

Labor

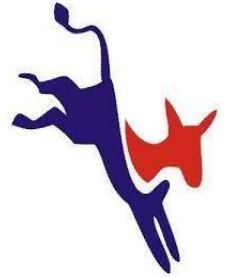
Would you be interested in becoming a Chairperson of a Committee? If so, which committee/caucus?

I agree to abide by the rules of said committee and support the Principles of the Democratic Party. I am eligible and legally qualified to file for membership under the Rules of the Democratic Party of Arkansas.

Name: _____ Date: _____



Saline County “Friend of the Party” Program (Monthly Sustainability Program)



Purpose: Our party has set a goal of recruiting more candidates, becoming more engaged in the community, and proving our viability to the rest of the county. While our annual Kickin’ Blue dinner helps offset fixed costs, we must get serious about sustainability.

Giving Levels:

Good Neighbor Tier: \$5/month

Includes monthly “Thank You” postcard & thanks by name in the DPSC Blue Review Newsletter!

Friend of the Party Tier: \$10/month

Includes the above + 1 free ticket to our new “Donor Dinner!”

Community Partner Tier: \$15/month

Includes the above + 1 free Kickin’ Blue ticket & a DPSC enamel pin!

Life of the Party Tier: \$25/month

Includes the above + 1 extra Kickin’ Blue ticket, 1 extra Donor Dinner ticket, and 1 free DPSC yard sign or t-shirt!

Party Partner Tier: \$50/month

Includes the above + 1 extra yard sign, t-shirt, or enamel pin; a signed personalized thank you letter from DPSC officers; sponsor status at Kickin’ Blue & Donor Dinner; and named thanks in DPSC event brochures!

Sign-Up Link:

Scan the QR Code



or go to

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/democratic-party-of-saline-county-2>

Once you select your sustainable amount, then look for the place that says “Make it Monthly” and click “Yes, count me in!” After that, click continue with credit or debit card and you will be prompted to put in your information. You can always choose to give more, but each of the above levels are the minimum for their respective tiers!



BRAND-NEW

“FRIEND OF THE PARTY”

REWARDS!

GOOD NEIGHBOR: \$5/MONTH

- MONTHLY MAILED “THANK YOU” POSTCARD
- NAMED THANKS IN DPSC’S “BLUE REVIEW” NEWSLETTER

FRIEND OF THE PARTY: \$10/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “GOOD NEIGHBOR” TIER
- 1 FREE TICKET TO ANNUAL DPSC “DONOR DINNER”

COMMUNITY PARTNER: \$15/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “FRIEND OF THE PARTY” TIER
- 1 FREE “KICKIN’ BLUE” TICKET
- 1 FREE DPSC ENAMEL PIN

LIFE OF THE PARTY: \$25/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “COMMUNITY PARTNER” TIER
- 1 EXTRA “KICKIN’ BLUE” TICKET
- 1 EXTRA “DONOR DINNER” TICKET
- 1 FREE DPSC YARD SIGN OR T-SHIRT

PARTY PARTNER: \$50/MONTH

- EVERYTHING IN “LIFE OF THE PARTY” TIER
- 1 EXTRA YARD SIGN, T-SHIRT, OR ENAMEL PIN
- SIGNED PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM DPSC OFFICERS
- KICKIN’ BLUE SPONSOR STATUS
- NAMED THANKS IN DPSC EVENT BROCHURES



2024 Positions						
Position	Current Holder	Party Affiliation	Term Length	Candidates		Ind or 3rd Party
				Republican	Democrat	
Federal Level Positions						
President	Joseph R Biden, Jr.	Democrat	4	Donald J. Trump Ron DeSantis Ryan L. Binkley Asa Hutchinson Nikki Haley Vivek Ramaswamy Chris Christie David Stuckenberg Doug Burgum	Armando Perez-Serrano Frankie Lozado Dean Phillips Cenk Uygur Stephen P. Lynons Marianne Willaimson Joseph R. Biden, JR	
U.S. Congress - District 2	French Hill	Republican	2 yr.	French Hill	Marcus Jones	-
State Level Positions						
Treasurer	Mark Lowery	Republican	4 yr	SOS John Thurston	John Pagan	-
Senate District 6	Matt McKee	Republican	4 yr.	Matt McKee	-	-
House District 29	Rick McClure	Republican	2 yr.	Rick McClure	-	-
House District 54	Mary Bentley	Republican	2yr.	Mary Bentley	Doug Corbitt	-
House District	Keith Brooks	Republican	2yr.	Keith Brooks	James Henry	-



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House District 81	RJ Hawk	Republican	2yr.	RJ Hawk	Gina Thomas-LittleJohn	-
House District 82	Tony Furman	Republican	2 yr.	Tony Furman	Samuel Brazell	-
House District 83	Lanny Fite	Republican	2 yr.	Ken Yang Paul Childress	Teresa Dannaway	-
House District 92	Julie Mayberry	Republican	2 yr.	Julie Mayberry	David Murray	-
Position	Current Holder	Party Affiliation	Term Length	Candidates		
				Republican	Democrat	Independent
JP District 1	Pat Bisbee	Republican	2 yr.	Pat Bisbee	-	Wayne Denison
JP District 2	Everette Hatcher	Republican	2 yr.	James Scholz Everette Hatcher	Lela Chism	-
JP District 3	Carlton Billingsley	Republican	2 yr.	Carlton Billingsley Tim Allmond	Martha West	-
JP District 4	Barbara J. Howell	Republican	2 yr.	Reagan Jones Keith Kellum Barbara Howell	Owen Haynes	-
JP District 5	Justin Rue	Republican	2 yr.	Justin Rue Allison Gray	Bailey Morgan	-
JP District 6	Rick Bellinger	Republican	2 yr.	Rick Bellinger	-	-
JP District 7	Josh Curtis	Republican	2 yr.	Josh Curtis	Brittany Smith	-
JP District 8	Ed Albares	Republican	2 yr.	Ed Albares Gary Don Beck	-	-
JP District 9	CJ Engel	Republican	2 yr.	CJ Engel Randy Sams	-	-
JP District 10	Jim Whitley	Republican	2 yr.	Jim Whitley	Brent Carroll	-
JP District 11	Clint Chism	Republican	2 yr.	Clint Chism	-	-
JP District 12	J.R. Walters	Republican	2 yr.	Ron Nichols Stephanie Johnson	-	-



				Devon Waite		
JP District 13	Keith Keck	Republican	2 yr.	Karen Crowson	Patty Hector	
Constable Township 1	Tim Bragg	Republican	2	Tim Bragg Clint Newcomb William Anderson Baker	-	-
Constable Township 2	Bobby Hahn	Republican	2	Bobby Hahn	-	-



Friends of the Party.

Thank you to:

Good Neighbors:

Sally Smith
Gene Smith
Felix Stacy
Greg White
Randy Haun
Pat Edwards
Beth Mathys
Suzy Velez

Friends of the Party:

Helen Neely
Janet Taylor
Diana Roberts

Community Partners:

Luann Baker
April Reisma
Fredrick McGraw
Melinda Hensley
Dustin Parsons
Donna Landreth
Bailey Morgan
Sam Stueart
Glen Rider
Gary Fults
Melissa Fults

Life of the Party:

Tanya Williams
Peggy Butler
Charles Bear
Lela Chism
Luke Juneau
Grace Hauser

Party Partners:

Jerri DeLamar
Brenda Hanke
'Nita Brown

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enroll, receive a thank you in our
monthly agenda, and much more!

