



**February 13th, 2024**

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

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Report:**

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

**Announcements:**

- DPSC 2024 County Convention
  - 4/9/2024, 6:30 P.M. @ HQ
- Kickin' Blue Dinner 2024
  - 4/13/2024, 6:00 P.M. @ The Enclave Gallery

**Officer Reports**

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

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

- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club - Steve Rittenmeyer
- Community Outreach Committee - Felix Stacy
- Voter Outreach Committee - Melinda Lou Hensley
- Election Commission report - Tamme Adams
- Fundraising Committee - Bailey Morgan

**Action Items:**

- Internet plan
  - Verizon: \$90/month

**Discussion Items:**

- Period Poverty Project & Ballot Initiative
- Establishing a Fundraising Committee

**Next DPSC Monthly meeting will be March 12th, 2024 at Headquarters**

**Motion to Adjourn**

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





# THANK YOU TO OUR “FRIEND OF THE PARTY” SUSTAINING DONORS!

YOU MAKE OUR MISSION POSSIBLE.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS:

- GREG WHITE
- FELIX STACY
- RANDY HAUN
- PAT EDWARDS
- BETH MATHYS
- GENE SMITH
- SALLY SMITH
- SUZY VELEZ

## FRIENDS OF THE PARTY:

- HELEN NEELY
- JANET TAYLOR
- MARTHA WEST
- DIANA ROBERTS

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- TAMME ADAMS
- LUANN BAKER
- HELEN DENISON
- MELINDA HENSLEY
- DUSTIN PARSONS
- DONNA LANDRETH
- BAILEY MORGAN
- SAM STUEART
- APRIL REISMA
- GLEN RIDER

## LIFE OF THE PARTY:

- TANYA WILLIAMS
- PEGGY BUTLER
- CHARLES BEAR
- LUKE JUNEAU
- LELA CHISM
- JON & LISA POTEET
- GARY FULTS
- GRACE HAUSER
- FRED MCGRAW

## PARTY PARTNERS:

- JERRI DELAMAR
- BRENDA HANKE
- 'NITA BROWN



Democratic Party of Saline County

# COMMITTEE MEETING

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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](mailto: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.

<b>Financial Report</b>			
<b>Checkbook</b>			
Beginning Balance 01/1/2024	\$5,723.76		
	<i>Description</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Debits</i>
	Act Blue	\$690.07	
	Donations by check/cash	\$330.00	
	Luke Juneau		\$425.00
	VistaPrint		\$71.12
	Website Go Daddy		\$26.99
	Downtown Benton Business Owners		\$10.00
	Committee to Elect Patty Hector		\$350.00
Ending Balance on 01/31/2024	\$5,860.72		



## 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](mailto: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

Labor

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

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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 each DPSC meeting agenda!

**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; “Party Sponsor” recognition 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, 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!

2024 Positions						
Position	Current Holder	Party Affiliation	Term Length	Candidates		
				Republican	Democrat	Ind or 3rd





						Party
<b>Federal Level Positions</b>						
<b>President</b>	Joseph R Biden, Jr.	Democrat	4	Donald J. Trump Ryan L. Binkley Nikki Haley David Stuckenberg Doug Burgum	Armando Perez-Serrano Frankie Lozado Dean Phillips Cenk Uygur Stephen P. Lynons Marianne Williamson Joseph R. Biden, JR	
<b>U.S. Congress - District 2</b>	French Hill	Republican	2 yr.	French Hill	Marcus Jones	-
<b>State Level Positions</b>						
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mark Lowery	Republican	4 yr	SOS John Thurston	John Pagan	-
<b>Senate District 6</b>	Matt McKee	Republican	4 yr.	Matt McKee	-	-
<b>House District 29</b>	Rick McClure	Republican	2 yr.	Rick McClure	-	-
<b>House District 54</b>	Mary Bentley	Republican	2yr.	Mary Bentley	Doug Corbitt	-
<b>House District 78</b>	Keith Brooks	Republican	2yr.	Keith Brooks	James Henry Bartolomei	-
<b>House District 81</b>	RJ Hawk	Republican	2yr.	RJ Hawk	Gina Thomas-LittleJohn	-
<b>House District 82</b>	Tony Furman	Republican	2 yr.	Tony Furman	Samuel Brazell	-
<b>House District 83</b>	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 Denson
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	-	-



<b>Constable Township 2</b>	Bobby Hahn	Republican	2	Bobby Hahn	-	-
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