



March 12, 2024

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

Speaker - Anna Morshedi with [Moms Demand Action](#)

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:

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

Announcements:

1. Kickin' Blue Updates
 - a. Date is April 13, 2024 @ The Enclave Gallery
 - b. We have 144 out of 250 possible attendees. PLEASE help to spread the word.
 - i. **The phone bank can be accessed by going to https://www.openvpb.com/vpb_bycode/7D10A5A-145373 and creating an account (if you don't already have one)!**
 - c. We have raised under half of our \$7,600 goal. We still have table sponsorships available, and hope to get at least one \$1,000 table sponsor.
 - d. If you have raffle items, please give them to Pat Edwards.
2. Bi-annual County Convention will be held at next month's meeting on April 9, 2024 at HQ -
 - a. Representatives to the State Committee AND Special State Committee Delegates will be elected at this meeting. If interested, please send an email to Saline@arkdems.org and bmorgan8299@gmail.com.
3. Candidate training will be held at 12 p.m. on 3/30. We will skip 3/16 for the District 81 kickoff and April 13th because of Kickin' Blue.
4. Lela Chism, Martha West, Bailey Morgan, and Gina Thomas-Littlejohn are hosting their "Coffee with Candidates" campaign kickoff on Saturday, March 16th from 10:30-11:30 A.M. @ Alexander City Park.

Officer Reports

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

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

- Election remarks - Tamme Adams
- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club - Steve Rittenmeyer
- Community Outreach Committee - Felix Stacy
- Voter Outreach Committee - Melinda Lou Hensley
- State Committee Meeting Update - Nita Brown
- Petitions update - Lela Chism



- Bryant Community activities - Martha West
- Quorum Court updates

Discussion Items:

1. Update on wireless service at office
2. Texting Service - use and cost explanation
3. Importance of call banking - Chris Treat campaign example

Next DPSC Monthly meeting will be April 9, 2024 at 6 p.m. This will serve as our bi-annual county convention.

Motion to Adjourn

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





Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 2024/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

ATTENDEES: Bailey Morgan, Hannah Morgan, Teresa Dannaway, Lela Chism, Felix Stacy, Pat Edwards, Nita Brown, Fred McGraw, Martha West, Tiara Howlett, Patty Hector, Josie Lenora, Dustin Parsons, Cindy Bowden, Steve Rittenmeyer, Brittany Smith, Chris Smith, Grant Smith, Joel Carter, Carl Frank, Ana Mejia, Tamme Adams, April Reisma, Diana Roberts, Lisa Poteet, John Poteet, Melinda Hensley, Laura Butler, Tom Hanson

Minutes

Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair at 6:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Minutes from December 12, 2023 were approved
2. Financial statement approved

Action Items

1. Bailey Morgan recommended we activate the hot spot that Dustin Parsons gave us through Verizon for \$90 per month. Carl Frank made a motion to approve, Felix Stacy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.



Discussion/Informative Items

Dustin Parsons informed the group that if anyone votes in the Republican primary that they will not be eligible to attend the Democratic county convention or state convention nor be a delegate. Dustin also stated that everyone who attends the county convention will automatically be a member of the Democratic Party for two years. Saline County is allotted 18 representatives to the State Convention. To be considered please fill out [Form A](#). The date has not been determined yet for the State Convention though it will be some time in June. The County Convention will be at our regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2024. We will select our four state committee representatives at our April meeting. If you are interested in serving as one of the four county representatives, please send an email to Saline@arkdems.org. We will select two representatives each of differing genders (4 total).

The regular quarterly State Committee meeting of the Democratic Party of Arkansas will be held on Saturday, March 9th at 2 p.m. The committee will meet in person at Bailey Center at Mount Sequoyah, 150 W. Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, AR. Register to attend at this link <https://arkdems.us/SCMMar24>

Laura Butler informed the group that she has been invited to speak at a meeting of Federally Employed Women (FEW). FEW is a private membership organization working as an advocacy group to improve the status of women employed by the Federal Government.

Bailey Morgan announced that we will be hosting candidate volunteer opportunities every other weekend at headquarters. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 9 a.m. until noon. All members are welcome to attend and help fill out postcards for candidates and/or phone banking.



Tamme Adams announced that early voting starts on February 20th for the March 5th primary. To find locations for early voting go to this [link](#).

Bailey Morgan announced the formation of a fundraising committee. The first meeting will be February 23, 2024 from 5pm to 6pm at headquarters. If you would like to help with fundraising for the party please come to this meeting or text (501) 420-4729.

Bailey Morgan announced that our annual fundraising Dinner Kickin Blue will be held on April 13, 2024 at The Enclave, 113 East Ashley Street in Benton. Individual tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased at this link <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kickinblue2024>. Colonel Marcus Jones (Ret.), candidate for Congressional District #2, will be our keynote speaker. A **table of 8** is **\$280** and we need sponsors. **Bronze Sponsor** (1 table of 8, business card size ad in program, acknowledgement in all pre-event communications) is **\$350**, **Silver Sponsor** (1 table of 8, one-fourth page ad in program, acknowledgement in all pre-event communications) is **\$500**, **Gold Sponsor** (1 table of 8, one-half page ad in program, acknowledgement in all pre-event communications) is **\$750** and **Platinum Sponsor** (2 tables of 8, full page ad in program, acknowledgement in all pre-event communications) is **\$1,000**. For more information about Kickin Blue reach out to Melinda Hensley at (501) 249-5010.

Lela Chism announced that she is organizing petition signing events for the [abortion amendment](#) and [tax free sanitary products](#) ballot initiatives. Lela needs volunteers to help staff signing events at the Benton library every Sunday from noon until 3 pm.

Lela is also working on starting a chapter of the [Arkansas Federation of Democratic Women](#) in Saline County. She needs at least 20 women attending meetings regularly to start a chapter. For more information text Lela at



(501) 507-2130. More information can be found at the Facebook group [Saline County Women in AR](#).

April Reisma, President of the AEA, updated us on the ballot initiative that they are trying to get on the ballot this year. They are waiting on approval from the Arkansas Attorney General's office for the ballot label before they can start getting signatures. They will need 91,000 signatures by the end of June to get it on the ballot. For more information go to [FORARKIDS.org](#) to read the details of the constitutional amendment. April discussed the following objectives of the legislation:

1. Universal access to voluntary, early childhood education for students three years old until they qualify for Kindergarten. April noted there have been studies that show early childhood education increases the graduation rate of students and decreases the incarceration rate as adults.
2. Universal access to voluntary afterschool and summer programs
3. All schools, public and private, have a minimum set of educational Standards for the State of Arkansas.
4. Private schools receiving public tax dollars must be held to the same standards as public schools.

Melinda Hensley announced that [Moms Demand Action](#) Little Rock Chapter will be the guest speaker at our March 12th meeting. We are hoping to get a Chapter started in Saline County. Moms Demand Action is a gun safety group that works to educate the public on gun safety and works to prevent gun violence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Our next monthly meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm at Headquarters.



Financial Report			
		Checkbook	
Beginning Balance 02/1/2024	\$5,860.72		
	<i>Description</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Debits</i>
	Act Blue	\$2,244.64	
	Donations by check/cash	\$560.00	
	Luke Juneau		\$425.00
	Website Go Daddy		\$26.99
	Saline Co Library (for printing)		\$16.25
	Committee to Elect Owen Haynes		\$350.00
	City of Benton (Farmers Market booth)		\$75.00
Ending Balance on 02/29/2024	\$7,772.12		



**THANK YOU TO OUR MONTHLY
“FRIEND OF THE PARTY” DONORS!**

Good Neighbors:

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

Friends of the Party:

Melinda Hensley
Helen Neely
Diana Roberts
Steve Rittenmeyer
Janet Taylor
Judith Wimberly

Community Partners:

Tamme Adams
Helen Denison
Donna Landreth
Delois Moore
Bailey Morgan
Dustin Parsons
April Reisma
Glen Rider
Sam Stueart

Life of the Party:

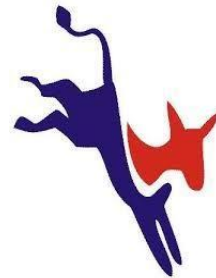
Charles Bear
Nita Brown
Gary Fults
Grace Hauser
Luke Juneau
Fred McGraw
Tanya Williams

Party Partners:

Lela Chism
Jerri DeLamar

We have reached 36 recurring donors for \$617 per month. We need a texting service for GOTV and internet at the office to support the GOTV activities.

Go to
salinedems.com/friendoftheparty
to enroll, receive a thank you in our next newsletter & agenda, and much more!





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>



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



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: _____