



**September 11th, 2023**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome / Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:**

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

**Announcements:**

- DPSC swag
- Small HQ improvements
- Saline County Democratic candidate filing fees & requirements
- Committee appointments & creation

**Officer Reports**

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

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

- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club - Nita Brown
- Candidate Recruitment Committee - Dustin Parsons
- Community Outreach Committee - Felix Stacy

**Action Items**

- DPSC Revitalization Project: Grow Saline County 2024
- Resolution 2023-1
- Resolution 2023-2

**Discussion Items**

- DPSC Board Game Cafe Event
- Brews & Brats Event

**Next DPSC Monthly meeting**

- Next meeting will be October 2nd, 2023

**Motion to Adjourn**

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





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

Tamme Adams

Charles Bear

Nita Brown

Lela Chism

Jerri DeLamar

Helen Denison

Gary Fults

Randy Haun

Grace Hauser

Melinda Hensley

Luke Juneau

Beth Mathys

Fredrick McGraw

Delois Moore

Bailey Morgan

Helen Neeley

Dustin Parsons

April Reisma

Glen Rider

Diana Roberts

Sally Smith

Gene Smith

Sam Stueart

Suzy Velez

Greg White

Tanya Williams

Judith Wimberly



**Resolution 2023-1:**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SALINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY; TO OPPOSE ILLEGAL CENSORSHIP IN ALL ITS FORMS; TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SALINE COUNTY QUORUM COURT TO UTILIZE ITS RESOURCES TO BETTER SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF SALINE COUNTY.**

**Whereas**, the Saline County Public Library provides a broad range of critical and valuable services, and supports all members of the community; and

**Whereas**, the Saline County Public Library is visited by individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs; and

**Whereas**, Saline County residents across the political, economic, gender, sexual orientation, and racial strata have given testimony on the positive effects the library has had on their lives; and

**Whereas**, opponents of the Saline County Library have expressed their intention to relocate “inappropriate” materials within the library without properly defining the meaning of “inappropriate;” and

**Whereas**, it is the responsibility of parents (not that of librarians or library staff) to determine what media is and is not appropriate for their children, teens, and young adults to consume; and

**Whereas**, it was previously and is now already library policy for all minors under the age of 12 to be accompanied by an adult in the library at all times; and

**Whereas**, we recognize the deliberate replication of a pattern of behavior leading up to the defunding of the Craighead County Public Library occurring here in Saline County; and

**Whereas**, there have been procedures in place for 20+ years by which concerned parents could challenge certain materials for containing “inappropriate” content; and

**Whereas**, those procedures were not utilized a single time by any Saline County resident in the past 7 years prior to 2023; and

**Whereas**, the Saline County Public Library is funded in part by ALL residents of Saline County regardless of religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status; and

**Whereas**, outright removal or relocation of any materials from the Saline County Public Library could constitute a violation of the 1st Amendment, pursuant to *Little v. Llano County* (2023); and



**Whereas**, the resolution adopted by the Saline County Quorum Court in their April session is unenforceable and did not appease opponents of the library as was suggested by many Justices of the Peace; and

**Whereas**, the Saline County Quorum Court has stripped the library board of its Constitutional authority, likely costing the library \$200,000 of state funding; and

**Whereas**, the overwhelming majority of correspondence from the public to members of the Saline County Quorum Court received prior to the passage of the resolution was to oppose it and support the library against efforts to censor materials; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SALINE COUNTY THAT:**

SECTION I: We support the library in its endeavors to support and uplift all residents of Saline County regardless of status or demographic, and we urge them to continue operations-as-normal.

SECTION II: We oppose and object to any and all efforts to censor, relocate, or remove materials from the Saline County Public Library on the sole basis of personal, political, or religious belief as a violation of the liberties afforded to all U.S. citizens under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

SECTION III: We recognize it is the right and responsibility of parents & guardians to monitor and evaluate the appropriateness of content for their children, and we encourage them to utilize the existing procedures to challenge materials that they believe to be inappropriate.

SECTION IV: The Quorum Court should spend its time and resources on improving the lives of Saline County residents instead of endorsing efforts to delegitimize and politicize a public service.

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Chair's Signature & Date

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Secretary's Signature & Date



**Resolution 2023-2:**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF THE TRANSPARENCY AFFORDED BY THE ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND ENCOURAGING ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND IT.**

**Whereas**, the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (AFOIA) was signed into law by Governor Winthrop Rockefeller as Act 93 of 1967; and

**Whereas**, the AFOIA is an invaluable tool for Arkansans to stay informed on the actions of elected officials and the use of their tax dollars; and

**Whereas**, the AFOIA has served as an example nationwide as one of the most transparent Freedom of Information Act laws in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the remarkable transparency afforded by the AFOIA has allowed Arkansans to hold public employees and elected officials accountable for ethical, legal, and fiscal violations for decades; and

**Whereas**, the AFOIA also contains legal ramifications for any public employees and elected officials who are found to be withholding information from the tax-paying public; and

**Whereas**, Governor Sarah Sanders has called a special session of the Arkansas Legislature to consider amending the AFOIA; and

**Whereas**, the proposed amendment would substantially weaken the AFOIA, thereby weakening public accountability of state employees and elected officials; and

**Whereas**, the proposed amendment would reduce the AFOIA from one of the most transparent Freedom of Information laws in the United States to one of the weakest; and

**Whereas**, there is evident bipartisan support for the AFOIA and the unrivaled governmental transparency it provides; and



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SALINE COUNTY THAT:**

SECTION I: We recognize and acknowledge the importance and value of the AFOIA in its present state, and affirm its necessity in effectively holding public employees and elected officials accountable.

SECTION II: We urge the Arkansas Legislature to reject the proposed amendment to the AFOIA and to continue to respect and uphold the strength it provides to Arkansans in the democratic process.

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Chair's Signature & Date

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Secretary's Signature & Date

Democratic Party of Saline County

# COMMITTEE MEETING

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**August 7, 2023/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015**

**ATTENDEES:** Grant Smith, Fred McGraw, Christine Higgins, Bailey Morgan, Felix Stacy, Teresa Dannaway, Brittany Smith, Christen Smith, Suzy Velez, Melinda Lou Hensley, Carles Tadlock, Hannah Morgan, Amanda Bradley, Alexis Agnew, Ana Mejia, Bailey Morgan

## Minutes

### Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair at 6:30 pm

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Minutes from May 1, 2023 approved
2. Financial statement was not available

### Discussion/Informative Items

Bailey Morgan gave an update on the Library Alliance. They are planning a peaceful rally on the courthouse lawn on 8/1 where they will have round robin speeches outside, and read children's books. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

Some plastic receptacles that were used to hand out realtor/apartment booklets have been donated to DPSC. The plan is to use them for Little Free Libraries across town where books can be exchanged. We need help decorating them. To volunteer to decorate, contact Bailey Morgan.



Bailey stressed the need for monthly sustaining donors in order to continue the work of the Democratic Party in Saline County.

Bailey gave an update on the state committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned.





## August, 2023 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 8/1/2023	\$9,617.28			
	<i>Description</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Debits</i>	
	Act Blue	\$691.33		
	Donations by check/cash			
	Luke Juneau		\$425.00	
	Fidelity		\$125.74	
	ActBlue		\$6.23	
	Flower Cart		\$82.03	
	Office Depot		\$24.61	
	Website Go Daddy		\$63.89	
Ending Balance on 8/31/2023	\$9,581.11	\$691.33	\$727.50	-\$36.17



## 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      Mail      Both

Please circle the committee/caucuses you wish to join:

Black/Latino

Senior Democrats

Stonewall

Labor

Young Democrats( 16 - 36)

Democratic Women

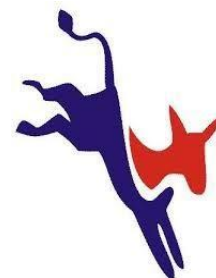
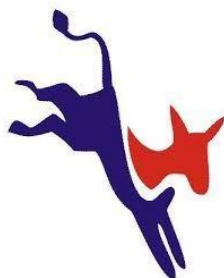
Community Activism

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 the office 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!



## 2024 Election Cycle Candidate Filing Fees and Information

The Democratic Party of Saline County will be open during the following times for filing, as well as by appointment as-needed. Once forms have been completed, you must then file the forms with the Saline County Clerk's Office at the Vote Center (220 N. Main, Benton, AR 72015). You may not file *before noon* on Monday, November 6th and *after noon* on Tuesday, November 14th.

### Filing Fee Office Hours (AND BY APPOINTMENT)

Monday, November 6th  
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023  
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Friday, November 10th, 2023  
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Monday, November 13th, 2023  
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

To schedule an appointment or for any questions, please call/text  
Chair Bailey Morgan at (501) 420-4729 or  
1st Vice Chair Laura Butler at (501) 580-4605.

### Filing Fees for County Positions

Justice of the Peace - \$50  
Constable - \$25

Forms and information will be available at the Democratic Party of Saline County Headquarters, located at 101 S. Market St in downtown Benton.

Representatives of the Democratic Party of Saline County will be available at the above times to distribute filing forms and collect filing fees.



# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SALINE COUNTY

## 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

## DPSC FUNDRAISING

### STRETCH GOALS!

- NEW/RENOVATED CHAIRS
- CURTAINS
- WINDOW DECORATION
- IMPROVED REFRESHMENTS

- MINI-FRIDGE
- ROKU/STREAMING DEVICE FOR HQ TV
- REGULAR POSTCARD MAILERS

- MORE DECORATION
- ICE-MAKER
- MICROWAVE

- UPGRADED A/C SOLUTION
- UPDATED PAINT JOB
- IMPROVED ADVERTISING & MARKETING

- **... AND MORE! SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO [SALINE@ARKDEMS.ORG](mailto:SALINE@ARKDEMS.ORG) TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FUNDRAISING STRETCH GOAL!**

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL PROGRAM OFFICIALLY BEGINS