

February 11th, 2025

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome / Introductions
Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:

- Minutes
- Financial Report

Announcements:

- Women Empowerment Series begins Thursday, February 13th @ 6:30 P.M.
- Voter Outreach Committee Meeting on February 17th @ 5:30 P.M.
- Kickin' Blue Committee Meeting on February 20th @ 5:30 P.M.
- Mural Plans + Scholarship Opportunity
- Patty Hector Commemorative Library + bookshelf
- Chairs for back room

Officer Reports

- Treasurer Teri Brown
- Secretary Teresa Dannaway
- 2nd Vice Chair Andy Hillis
- 1st Vice Chair Martha West
- Chair Bailey Morgan

Committee/Caucus Reports [To join/form a committee email saline@arkdems.org]

- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club Steve Rittenmeyer
- Community Outreach Committee Andy Hillis
- Voter Outreach Committee Bailey Morgan
- Fundraising Committee Melinda Hensley
- Saline County Women Lela Chism and Brittany Smith
- Bryant High School Young Dems Audrey Johnson

Action Items:

N/A

Discussion Items:

- Kickin' Blue
- Scholarship

Next DPSC Monthly meeting: March 11th, 2025

Motion to Adjourn



THANK YOU TO OUR MONTHLY "FRIEND OF THE PARTY" DONORS!

Good Neighbors:

Sally Smith
Gene Smith
Lindlee Bullock
Christine Hasbrouck
Randy Haun
Rhonda Forcum
Beth Mathys
Suzy Velez

Friends of the Party:

Fanny Neely Barbara Nix Lela Chism Patty Hector Felix Stacy Steve Rittenmeyer

Community Partners:

Luann Baker
Tamme Adams
Helen Denison
Fred McGraw
Melinda Hensley
Delois Moore
Dustin Parsons
Donna Landreth
Diana Roberts
Sam Stueart
Cindy Bowden

April Reisma Glen Rider Martha West Bailey Morgan

Life of the Party:

Tanya Williams Tommy Hanson Jon and Lisa Poteet Gary and Melissa Fults Grace Hauser

Party Partners:

Jerri DeLamar Brenda Hanke

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



Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

January 14, 2025/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

ATTENDEES: Hugo Arreola, Jr, Olivia Czaikowjribaer, Audrey Johnson, Teresa Dannaway, Martha West, Pat Edwards, Teri Brown, Andy Hillis, Carl Frank, Gina Thomas-Littlejohn, Danny Brown, Steve Rittenmeyer, Libby Moudy, Felix Stacy, Diana Roberts, Christine Hasbrouck, Jim Hasbrouck, Nancy Phillips, Dustin Parsons, Tamme Adams, Laura Butler, Melinda Lou Hensley, Bailey Morgan.

Minutes

Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

- 1. Minutes from 12/10/24 were approved
- 2. Financial statement approved

Informative Items

Tamme Adams notified us that our **rent is going up \$50 per month** which will make it \$475 per month and this includes utilities. The landlord said his insurance cost went up so he had to raise the rent.

Bailey Morgan asked everyone to complete a survey to give feedback on what you want the county party to be doing. Go to www.survey.salinedems.com to complete the survey. Your identifying information will be removed. You will



have to put in your identifying information to be confirmed that you are a member, but the information will be removed and the information compiled and reported back to membership at the next meeting.

Bailey Morgan read Anita Brown's <u>State Committee report</u>. Grant Tennille, Chair of the DPA shared that every incumbent in the state legislature successfully defended his or her seat and one house seat was gained in Springdale. Will Watson, Director of Strategy, Gold Gaines, Treasurer and Josh Price, Secretary all resigned from the DPA.

Dr. Johnnie Roebuck was re-elected Arkansas' Democratic National Committee Chairwoman. Jay Barth retired as Arkansas' DNC Chairman. Dana Deree was elected to replace Jay Barth.

Tamme Adams shared information on **County Election Commissioners**. Every county gets three election commissioners. The majority party (determined by who holds the state party offices - Governor, Secretary of State, etc.) gets two election commissioners and the minority party gets one.

Martha West informed us that the **Saline Democrats won the Christmas window decorating contest**. We received a Christmas snow globe from Matt Thibault for the win. There were several toys donated for the display. Please pick up your toys if you want them back. If they are not picked up they will be donated.

Bailey Morgan who Chair the **Voter Outreach Committee** is having a Committee meeting on February 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Dem Headquarters to start the planning for the next election cycle. Please join him on the committee as he makes plans for the future.

Steve Rittenmeyer gave an update from Hot Springs Village. **The Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village** will have their <u>quarterly meeting</u> to elect

Directors on Sunday, January 26 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meeting but please RSVP to President Nancy Baumgartner @



nancybaum02@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. HSV Dem Club is planning on carpooling to the Capitol to protest the March for Life gathering.

Martha West mentioned that The People's March is happening on March 8, 2025 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Arkansas State Capitol. It is from

Audrey Johnson with the Young Democrats at Bryant High School informed us of their recent activities. They have been registering voters, adopted a child for Christmas gifts, orchestrated a clothing drive and are working with the Green Team to rebuild a greenhouse at the school. They have received funding and just need the final approval of administration to begin. Their goals for 2025 are to attend protests, help or possibly host an event, have a Spring Voter Registration drive and offered their help to the County Party.

Action Items

Officer elections were as follows:

Bailey Morgan was re-elected Chair by acclamation.

Martha West was elected to First Vice Chair by acclamation.

Andy Hillis was elected Second Vice Chair by acclamation.

Teresa Dannaway was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Teri Brown was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Tamme Adams was re-elected as Election Commissioner by acclamation.

Bailey asked before each election if there were any nominees from the floor and there were none. The above individuals had expressed their interest in serving via notification to Bailey in advance of the meeting. Bailey congratulated all of the new officers and looks forward to serving with them.



Discussion Items

Bailey Morgan outlined the following **committees needing leadership** and members:

- -Community Outreach
- -Kickin Blue
- -Senior Democrats Caucus
- -Young Democrats Caucus
- -Stonewall/LGBTQ+ Caucus
- -Black and Latino Caucus
- -Labor Caucus

Please step up and help grow the party by leading one of these committees. If you are interested please reach out to Bailey at Saline@arkdems.org.

Mural on outside wall - Some members have requested that we put up a mural on the wall facing South Street. We have gotten an estimate from one artist and the cost is upwards of \$2,000 plus the wall will have to be prepped and we do not have a cost estimate for that. We are interested in fundraising specifically for the mural so as not to have to take money from our general fund. If you are interested in donating to the mural you may do so at this link. If you would like to host/coordinate a fundraising event for this purpose please reach out to Bailey Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next monthly meeting will be February 11, 2025 at 6:30pm at headquarters .



Financial Report			
	Checkbook		
Beginning Balance 12/31/2024	\$8,536.68		
	Description	Credits	Debits
	Act Blue	\$627.47	
	Donations by check/cash	\$30.00	
	Refund (Office Depot)	\$36.08	
	Luke Juneau		\$425.00
	Verizon Wireless		\$92.28
	Website Go Daddy		\$39.99
	Supplies		\$123.54



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:	Gende	er Identity:
Residence Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State	Zip Co	ode:
Phone:	<u> </u>		
(Residence)	(Business)		(Cell)
Date of Birth:	Em	ployment	:
Email:			
Please circle your preferenc	e 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 Womer	1	Community Activism
Community Outreach	Voter Outreach		Candidate Recruitment
Labor			
Would you be interested in committee/caucus?	becoming a Chairperson of a	Committe	e? If so, which
	aid committee and support the Pr nembership under the Rules of th		the Democratic Party. I am eligible
Name		Data	



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 tier