



**December 10, 2024**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome / Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:**

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

**Announcements:**

- **Saline County Officer elections at January Meeting**
  - Bylaws attached
- State Committee regular Quarterly Meeting of the Democratic Party of Arkansas will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton, 925 S. University Avenue, Little Rock.
  - This meeting is open to the public, but only members of the State Committee present in person will be recognized to speak, make motions, or vote.

**Officer Reports**

- Treasurer – Tamme Adams
- Secretary - Melinda Lou Hensley
- 2nd Vice Chair - Martha West
- 1st Vice Chair – Laura Butler
- 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 - Martha West
- Voter Outreach Committee - Bailey Morgan
- Fundraising Committee - Melinda Hensley
- Saline County Women - Lela Chism and Brittany Smith

**Action Items:**

**Discussion Items:**

- LGBTQ+ “Safe Space” / Young Dems’ Meeting Space @ HQ

**Next DPSC Monthly meeting: January 14 , 2024**

**Motion to Adjourn**

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Meeting 2nd Tuesday  
of Every Month at 6:30 pm

Democratic Party of Saline County

# COMMITTEE MEETING

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October 8, 2024 2024/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

**ATTENDEES:** Masami Fiser, Molly McNulty, Trena Barnett, Megan Barnett, Fred McGraw, Gary Fults, Melissa Fults, Mary Gorden, Mike Gorden, Carl Frank, Sheila Cooper, Lela Chism, Kay Christensen, Christine Hasbrouck, Karen Paxton, Shaye Hurst, Nita Brown, Diana Roberts, Cindy Bowden, Pat Edwards, Martha West, Tana Burrows, Teresa Dannaway, Tom Hanson, Christopher Hayes, Elizabeth Maloney, Tom Ramsey, Nan Ramsey, Brent Carroll

## Minutes

### Call to Order

Martha West, Second Vice Chair called the meeting to order.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Minutes from 9/10/24 were approved
2. Financial statement approved

### Action Items

None

### Discussion/Informative Items

October 17 drawing at 5 p.m. for courthouse signs from October 21st until Nov 5, 2024 . Put co house signs up and down daily.

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October 17 is Ghost Town.

October 26, Saturday is Saline County Cleanup from 9 a.m. until noon.

The three ballot issues were explained to membership.

Notice the candidate forum was cancelled.

Christine Hausbrook from Hot Springs Village has an office open.

Rally for Hope - Teresa Dannaway Sunday November 3 potentially 2 p.m.

Bill Clinton December 6th Clinton Center Book

Candidates that spoke at meeting were:

Molly McNulty, court of appeals

Gina Littlejohn - District #81 State Representative

Teresa Dannaway - District #83 State Representative

Brent Carroll - District #10 Justice of the Peace - he is a librarian in Garland County and spoke of the library fiasco and flooding issue

Martha West - District #3 Justice of the Peace - spoke about issues regarding women and children and the water situation with bills.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next monthly meeting will be Month Day, 2024 at 6:30pm at The Democratic Party Headquarters.

Democratic Party of Saline County

# COMMITTEE MEETING

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November 12, 2024/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

**ATTENDEES:** Bailey Morgan, Rayleigh Barnes, Martha West, Pat Edwards, Christine Hasbrouck, Nancy Baumgartner, Jim Hasbrouck, Nita Brown, Lori Lednick, Masami Fiser, Tamme Adams, Laura Butler, Lela Chism, Teresa Dannaway

## Minutes

### Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Action Items: None**

### Discussion/Informative Items

Bailey Morgan began by saying “this isn’t final”. Saline County increased 1.1% in Democratic Voting.

Candidates over performed all expectations. This shows that we’re doing something correct. We can maintain, but we must grow our base. To do this:

1. Registering new voters and activating the inactive members.
2. Young Democrats (Owen Haynes & Bailey Morgan project)
3. Work hard in JP Districts 2, 3, 5 & 7. They will likely be the best shot in 2026.

We are working on smaller projects with more details to come.

Window decorating must be done by 12/1/24.

Christmas Parade is coming up - going as a party, since no candidates are running this year.

Saline County Library is hosting a Donation Drive for Food and hygiene products. Bring donations to the office to be delivered by 11/30/24.

Looking to party for needs, if you have to give

1. SM/MD trash can
2. Laptop (Patty volunteered Apple Mac)

Bryant Chamber Banquet, January 7th at Jr. High. Cost is \$75. Melinda Hensley is encouraging people to join her at a table to show we aren't going anywhere.

Treasurer report by Tamme Adams.

-Call hub explained - mass candidate push

-Absentee Ballots explained reasons for disqualification.

1. Must have letter - no letter - rejection.
2. Must have a copy of a valid ID - if missing given short time to "cure" (submit copy)
3. Was there an address change - incorrect = rejection
4. Missed 2 Federal elections, name purged = rejection

T-shirts are in.

Lela Chism reported that the Arkansas Legislative Session begins January 13, 2025 - We need people to read and check on the bills being filed.

Women's Group meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

What to do with remaining campaign funds - Bailey looking into it.

Motion to adjourn by Nita Brown and seconded by Brittany Smith.

The meeting was adjourned.

(In Melinda Hensley's absence, notes were taken by Martha West)

Our next monthly meeting will be December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

## **ARTICLE III: DPSC Officers**

### **Section 1**

The elected officers of the DPSC are: Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. In accordance with DPA rules, The Chair and 1st Vice-Chair shall be of differing gender identities.

### **Section 2**

- A. Officers shall be elected by the newly constituted County Committee for two year terms starting in January of odd-numbered years, immediately after the General Election.
- B. The DPSC shall strive to reflect the diversity of Saline County in the election of its officers.
- C. No person can occupy more than one elected office.
- D. Within ten days after the organization of the new DPSC, the Secretary shall forward to the Secretary of the DPA a list of the names, addresses, and other contact information of the newly elected officers.

### **Section 3**

- A. Chair
  - a. The Chair shall call and preside at all meetings of the DPSC; oversee the day-to-day affairs of the DPSC; serve as chairperson and voting member of the Executive Committee; serve as *ex officio* member on all committees; call meetings of the Executive Committee and District Representatives, when necessary; serve as spokesperson for the DPSC; and make appointments to committees of the DPSC.
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
  - a. The 1st Vice-Chair shall preside at DPSC meetings in the absence of the Chair, shall coordinate programs at DPSC meetings that promote the purposes of the DPSC, and carry out such other duties as delegated by the Chair.
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
  - a. The 2nd Vice-Chair shall maintain accurate membership rolls of the DPSC; serve as interim secretary in the absence of the Secretary; and carry out such other duties as delegated by the Chair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair will also actively recruit members and help keep members involved.
- D. Secretary
  - a. The Secretary shall record all minutes and votes of DPSC regular meetings and Executive Committee meetings, and prepare them for consideration by the body at the subsequent meeting; shall preserve all

important records and papers of the DPSC; and carry out such other duties as delegated by the Chair.

E. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the DPSC and provide written reports at regular meetings and with the Chair, shall be a co-signature authority on any bank accounts and withdrawals. All records of the Treasurer shall be subject to audit at the request of the Chair or Executive Committee.

## **Section 4**

The elected officers shall constitute the standing Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall carry out the business of the DPSC as designated by the DPSC and make decisions within its powers in the interim when the DPSC does not meet. It shall also serve as the budget committee for the organization and shall present to the DPSC regular financial reports and expenditures for approval.



# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

**Grant Tennille**

*Chair*

**Jannie Cotton**

*First Vice Chair*

**Dustin Parsons**

*Vice Chair for  
County Committees*

**Gracie Ziegler**

*Vice Chair for  
Auxiliaries*

**Goldi Gaines**

*Treasurer*

**Josh Ang Price**

*Secretary*

**Jay Barth**

*National  
Committeeman*

**Johnnie Roebuck**

*National  
Committeewoman*

## State Committee Meeting Notice

**December 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

The State Committee of the Democratic Party of Arkansas will meet on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. for its regular quarterly meeting. The committee will meet in person at **Four Points by Sheraton, 925 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR 72204**. The meeting may also be viewed via Zoom.

### REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://arkdems.us/SCMDec24>

This meeting is open to the public, but only members of the State Committee present in person will be recognized to speak, make motions, or vote. There will be no online voting for this meeting. Download a proxy form at <https://arkdems.us/proxy> or email [proxy@arkdems.org](mailto:proxy@arkdems.org).

You're invited to join the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus the night before the meeting for the annual **Christmas Cocktail Party!** [Tickets here](#) and details below.

**Elections will take place for our representatives to the Democratic National Committee and for the DPA Executive Committee at this meeting.**

Candidates for the Executive Committee must file for nomination by Friday, December 7. See below for more details. National Committee nominations will be accepted from the floor, but to have their name pre-printed on the ballot and appear in pre-election materials distributed by the DPA, candidates must file by Friday, December 7. See below for more details.

We are asking State Committee members and guests to bring items for donation to **Arkansas Foodbank**. Find more details, including a list of the most in-demand items, in this notice.

# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

## Fri., Dec. 13, 6-9 PM - ADBC Christmas Cocktail Party



The holidays are a time for some good cheer especially when there's Democrats with food, wine, and beer! Join the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus for the annual Christmas Cocktail Party! [Find event details here.](#)

[Mosaic Templars Cultural Center](#)  
501 W 9th St, Little Rock, AR 72201  
Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 day of.  
[Get them here!](#)

## Tentative State Committee Agenda

**100 PM - Registration opens** (*Registration will close 30 minutes after the meeting is called to order*)

**200 PM - State Committee Meeting**, Four Points by Sheraton Little Rock Midtown Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Greeting Jannie Cotton, First Vice Chair

Welcome

Attendance & Approval of Minutes Joshua Ang Price, Secretary

Chair's Report Grant Tennille, Chair

Audit Report

Treasurer's Report & 2025 Budget Darlene Goldi Gaines, Treasurer

Heart of the Party Update Christina Mullinax, Finance Director

County Committee Review Report Dustin Parsons, Vice Chair for County Committees National Committee Elections

Executive Committee Elections

Announcements Gracie Ziegler, Vice Chair for Auxiliaries

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# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

## DPA Executive Committee Elections

### Interested in Running?

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the State Committee meeting or congressional district caucus. To have their name placed on the ballot for election to the Executive Committee, candidates must submit the following form by Friday, December 7, 2024. It requires contact and demographic information, a photo, and a biography of up to 250 words.

[File to run here: arkdems.us/24ExecFiling](https://arkdems.us/24ExecFiling)

The State Committee will split into congressional district caucuses for Executive Committee elections by paper ballot. If a position is contested, candidates will have the opportunity to give a 1-minute speech. Ballots will be canvassed by members of the DPA Staff. Each candidate for the Executive Committee may designate one monitor to oversee counting.

[DPA Rules regarding Executive Committee elections:](#)

**Section 5.01. Purpose.** The Executive Committee shall have all the authority and powers of the State Committee between meetings of the State Committee, except as to amendments to these Rules. In addition, the Executive Committee shall be tasked with all aspects of strategic planning for carrying out the successful work of the party, including candidate recruitment strategies, fundraising strategies, and strategies related to organizational structure. It shall report on its work to the State Committee at each State Committee meeting.

**Section 5.02. Membership.** The officers of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, the party leaders in both the State House and State Senate, up to four individuals appointed by the Chair because of their special talents or the diversity they bring to the body, along with two women and two men per congressional district, shall serve as the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Arkansas.

**Section 5.03. Elections.** Congressional district representatives on the Executive Committee shall be elected to two year terms at the first State Committee meeting following a general election. From a slate of candidates established in advance of the meeting, voting for these Executive Committee members shall take place through a secret ballot, either through a paper ballot or an electronic device. Each representative to the Executive Committee shall be elected sequentially by plurality vote. More than one county must be represented among the representatives for a given congressional district. No current Democratic Party of Arkansas staff member may be elected as a member of the Executive Committee.

**Questions about elections? Email Austin Ross at [austin@arkdems.org](mailto:austin@arkdems.org)**

# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

## National Committee Elections

### Interested in Running?

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the State Committee meeting. To have their name pre-printed on the ballot and to appear in pre-election materials distributed by the DPA, candidates must submit the following form by Friday, December 7, 2024. It requires contact and demographic information, a photo, and a bio of up to 500 words.

[File to run here: arkdems.us/24DNCFiling](https://arkdems.us/24DNCFiling)

The State Committee will vote for National Committee representatives by paper ballot. If a position is contested, candidates will have the opportunity to give a 5-minute speech. Ballots will be canvassed by members of the DPA Staff. Each candidate may designate one monitor to oversee ballot counting.

### DPA Rules regarding National Committee elections:

**Section 7.01. List of Officers.** The following individuals shall be officers of the Democratic Party of Arkansas: [...] the National Committeeman, and the National Committeewoman.

**Section 7.02. Term.** All officers shall serve four year terms.

**Section 7.03. Elections.** The positions of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected at the first State Committee meeting following a presidential election. [...]

**Section 7.06. National Committee Members.** The positions of National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected at the first State Committee meeting following the State Convention held in a presidential election year. The persons so elected shall qualify by filing with the Secretary of the State Committee within ten (10) days after election a Candidate Eligibility Application, in form hereafter prescribed, and having so qualified shall assume office immediately following the Democratic National Convention, to serve until the adjournment of the Democratic National Convention following the next presidential election or as provided by the Rules of the Democratic National Committee. The members so selected shall be from different Congressional Districts. **Questions about elections? Email Austin Ross at [austin@arkdems.org](mailto:austin@arkdems.org)**

# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

## From National Committeeman Dr. Jay Barth

Dear Friends:

Since 11/5, I know we've all been thinking about what role we can play to promote our political values in these troubling times. Since our elections are imminent, I've also had to reflect upon whether I should ask you - the members of the State Committee - to return me for another term as one of your representatives to the DNC. I've ultimately decided that there are other places - both within the Democratic Party and in other organizations - where I can make more of a difference at this time. So, I will not be seeking reelection in December.

I've greatly enjoyed serving with Johnnie, Lottie, Grant, and Jannie at the DNC and I have loved working with our great team of party leaders and staff over the past 4 years. Grant and I have already discussed ways that I can continue to serve the DPA and I'm committed to that work. Our party and its ideals are just too important to the future of our state and nation.

Thanks for allowing me to serve! It's been a real honor.

Yours always,  
Jay Barth

## Voting by Proxy

There will be no online voting at this meeting. To vote absentee, members of the State Committee may vote by proxy. A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to cast their vote in their absence.

**Download a blank proxy form here: <https://arkdems.us/proxy>**

After completing your proxy, give the completed form to your appointed proxy agent and email a copy to [proxy@arkdems.org](mailto:proxy@arkdems.org) to file it with the DPA Secretary.

*Please note that DPA Rules limit State Committee Members to carrying one (1) proxy and do not allow the acceptance of proxies from State Elected Officials or Former Party Chairs.*

# ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

## Democrats Care

We are asking State Committee attendees to bring donations to **Arkansas Foodbank**. [See a list of in-demand items here](#), including:

- Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, & soup
- Breakfast items and peanut butter
- Meal entrees, rice, and dry beans
- 100% juices, juice boxes, and water



More than 567,000 Arkansans know what it's like to experience food insecurity and struggle to find access to healthy food. **At a rate of nearly 19%, Arkansas has the highest prevalence of food insecurity in the nation.**

In its 40th year, Arkansas Foodbank stands as the largest hunger relief organization in the state, serving 33 counties across the state's central, eastern, and southern regions. The Foodbank has been at the forefront of combating hunger with innovative programs that provide healthy and nutritious food to those in need. Its cornerstone initiatives enable the distribution of essential resources through a network of more than 400 food pantries, schools, colleges, shelters, senior centers, and other agencies across Arkansas.

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

**Good Neighbors:**

Greg White  
Felix Stacy  
Randy Haun  
Rhonda Forcum  
Beth Mathys  
Laura Butler  
Gene Smith  
Suzy Velez

**Friends of the Party:**

Fanny Neely  
LuAnn Baker  
Barbara Nix  
Patty Hector  
Diana Roberts

**Community Partners:**

Fred McGraw  
Helen Denison  
Tamme Adams  
Melinda Hensley  
Delois Moore  
Dustin Parsons  
Donna Landreth  
Janet Taylor  
Lela Chism  
Bailey Morgan

Sam Stueart  
Cindy Bowden  
April Reisma  
Glen Rider

**Life of the Party:**

Tanya Williams  
Peggy Butler  
Charles Bear  
Nita Brown  
Jon and Lisa Poteet  
Gary Fults  
Grace Hauser

**Party Partners:**

Jerri DeLamar  
Brenda Hanke  
Tana Burrows

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**[salinedems.com/friendoftheparty](https://salinedems.com/friendoftheparty)**  
to enroll, receive a thank you in our next  
newsletter & agenda, and much more!

# Democratic Party of Saline County - Membership Form

Please mail all forms to 101 S. Market St. Benton, AR 72015 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

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 tier