



January 14th, 2025

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome / Introductions

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:

- [Minutes](#)
- Financial Report

Announcements:

- **“State of the Party” Survey Now Available**
 - survey.salinedems.com
- **Minor Rent Increase**
 - \$425 —> \$475
- **State Committee Updates - ‘Nita Brown**

Officer Reports

- Election Commissioner - Tamme Adams
- 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)*

- Hot Springs Village Democratic Club - Steve Rittenmeyer
- Community Outreach Committee - **VACANT**
- Voter Outreach Committee - Bailey Morgan
- Fundraising Committee - Melinda Hensley
- Saline County Women - Lela Chism and Brittany Smith
- Bryant HS Young Democrats - Audrey Johnson

Action Items:

- **Officer Elections**
 - Chair - Bailey Morgan
 - First Vice Chair - Martha West
 - Second Vice Chair - Andi Hillis
 - Secretary - Teresa Dannaway
 - Treasurer - Teri Brown
 - Election Commissioner - Tamme Adams

Discussion Items:

- **Committees/Caucuses in Need of Leadership**
 - Community Outreach Committee
 - Kickin’ Blue Planning Committee
 - Senior Democrats’ Caucus
 - Young Democrats’ Caucus
 - **DPSC Mural on Outside Wall**
 - Fundraising
- Stonewall/LGBTQ+ Caucus
 - Black and Latino Caucus
 - Labor Caucus

Next DPSC Monthly meeting: February 11th , 2025

Motion to Adjourn

101 S Market St – Benton, AR 72015

saline@arkdems.org

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

Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

December 10, 2024/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

ATTENDEES: Olivia Bauer, Audrey Johnson, Hugo Arreola, Melinda Hensley, Mike Gorden, Mary Gorden, Patty Hector, Lela Chism, Andy Hillis, Kay Christensen, Martha West, Laura Butler, Terese Brown, Danny Brown, 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 10/8/24 and 11/12/24 were approved
2. The financial report was not available as Tamme Adams was not present.
Bailey gave an update that our bank balance was \$8,396.84 and we have not had any out of the ordinary expenses.

Action Items - None

Discussion/Informative Items

Martha West mentioned that we need to pay our annual fee to the City of Benton for the Farmer's Market/Christmas Parade/Mistletoe Market.

Melinda Hensley reminded everyone that we need to form a committee and start planning the Kickin Blue. Please reach out if you are interested in serving on the Kickin Blue Committee. Kickin Blue is our annual fundraising dinner.

Melinda Hensley asked if anyone was interested in attending the Bryant Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on January 7th. Tickets are \$75 each. Please pay your \$75 to Melinda Hensley if you would like to attend and she will reserve a table.

Melinda Hensley recommended that our committee look at getting a liability insurance policy. Currently we are not insured if someone falls or gets hurt and decides to sue us.

Bailey Morgan updated the membership on the recent termination of the Saline County Republican Party. This is a two year termination for them.

Lela Chism stated that the Women's Group will not meet in December but will resume in January. Lela gave an update on the abortion amendment stating that it will not resume activities until after this legislative session.

Martha West discussed her goal of having a safe place for LGBTQ kids to come hang out at the office. Melinda Hensley asked what type of liability we would have from parents of children under the age of 18. Do we run the risk of a parent suing us for "influencing" their child? She stated she is comfortable with reaching out to young adults over the age of 18 but had concern about parents of younger children.

Olivia Bauer, member of Young Democrats at Bryant High School, suggested we have meetings for Young Democrats and don't specifically target LGBTQ kids. Danny Brown expressed a similar opinion.

Bailey Morgan stated he is comfortable with the idea as long as two adults were present and one of them being an officer of the party. He stated he will try to be available for a once per month meeting. Several in attendance volunteered to come to the meetings and there was widespread support for the idea from members.

Felix Stacy thanked Martha and team for the Christmas window decorations.

Felix Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terese Brown seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and everyone enjoyed a potluck meal after the meeting.

Our next monthly meeting will be January 14, 2025 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. 1st 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. 2nd 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 2nd 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.

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.

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