



May 14, 2024

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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Officer Reports

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

Action Items:

1. Second round of candidate donations

Discussion Items:

1. Block captains
2. Call banking and canvassing for candidates
3. Need volunteers for Fundraising Committee
4. September event at Silver Springs

Next DPSC Monthly meeting June 11th, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn

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Felix Stacy
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Dustin Parsons
Janet Taylor
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Sam Stueart
April Reisma
Helen Denison
Tamme Adams
Glen Rider
Martha West

Life of the Party:

Tanya Williams
Peggy Butler
Charles Bear
Lela Chism
Jon and Lisa Poteet
Gary and Melissa Fults
Grace Hauser

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Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2024/ 6:30 PM /101 S Market St, Benton AR 72015

ATTENDEES: Felix Stacy, Melinda Lou Hensley, Pat Edwards, Carl Frank, Dustin Parsons, Martha West, Mike Gorden, Mary Gorden, Nita Brown, Teresa Dannaway, Marsha Guffey, Bailey Morgan, Patty Hector, Brittany Smith, Steve Rittenmeyer, Gary Fults, Melissa Fults, Lela Chism, Hannah Morgan, Jon Poteet, Lisa Poteet, Tamme Adams, Laura Butler, Teri Brown, Danny Brown, Cindy Bowden

Minutes

Call to Order

Bailey Morgan, Chair called meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Minutes from March 12, 2024 were approved
2. Financial statement approved

Action Items

1. First order of business for the county committee meeting is to elect a Chair and Secretary. Dustin Parsons made a motion for Bailey Morgan to be Chair and Melinda Hensley to be Secretary and it was seconded by Tamme Adams and all members approved by acclamation.
2. Bailey explained that everyone in attendance would need to complete form B to be submitted to the State Democratic Party and will be able to



attend and vote at the State Convention. Also, everyone at the meeting who completed Form B will be a member of the Democratic Party of Saline County for two years until the next bi-annual county convention. Bailey asked for a vote to affirm everyone in the room to be approved as delegates to state convention and for membership. The delegates/members were approved by acclamation.

3. The following Candidates for the 2024 Special State Convention were approved by acclamation. Dustin Parsons, Gary Fults, Steve Rittenmeyer, Bailey Morgan, Brent Carroll, Carl Frank, Samuel Brazell, Jr., 'Nita Brown, April Reisma, Teresa Dannaway, Brittany Smith, Melinda Hensley, Amanda Bradley, Patty Hector, Chris Smith, Tamme Adams. We have two more slots to be filled and the above candidates will vote on who will fill those positions.
4. Bailey requested nominations from the floor to State Committee delegates. Melinda Hensley nominated 'Nita Brown, Bailey Morgan nominated Gary Fults, Dustin Parsons nominated Steve Rittenmeyer. There were no further nominations and Melissa Fults volunteered to be a delegate. A vote was taken and all four individuals were approved by acclamation.
5. Brittany Smith presented a request for a resolution from the Democratic Party to support free speech for our county party and also to be submitted to the Quorum Court. Many Democrats have had difficulties with Josh Curtis responding to requests and feel like the Republican's on the Quorum court will only listen to other Republican's and are thwarting any efforts of Democrats to have their concerns about county issues heard. Several minutes of conversation followed. Members requested edits and wording was agreed upon to add and ask for the Quorum Court to develop a process for citizen initiated agenda items regardless of political affiliation. Pat Edwards made a motion to approve as amended which was seconded by Dustin Parsons and the resolution was approved by acclamation.



6. Pat Edwards made a motion that we purchase a new printer since the one we have does not work. Discussion followed that officers have authority to purchase a printer up to a certain amount without having to get committee approval and a decision was made for officers to look at buying a working printer.

Discussion/Informative Items

Tamme Adams thanked everyone for the monthly sustaining donations stating that the reliable monthly income allowed the party to be able to plan and budget for expenses.

Laura Butler stated that there is a Saline County Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6 pm - 7:30 pm at the Saline County Career Technical Campus located at 13600 I-30 in Benton. Discussion items will be litter pickup, broadband update, Southwest Trail, Infrastructure (roads, water project, AWIN, jail expansion), 911 consolidation, and there will be a time for public comment.

Felix Stacy thanked Laura Butler for painting the office chairs, Tamme Adams for purchasing tablecloths.

Bailey thanked everyone for working on Kickin Blue.

Bailey discussed that we must have exemplary behavior when we are at any function representing the Democratic Party. Do not be baited by protestors to retaliate and engage in arguments.

Bailey said any press releases need to go through him. Refer reporters to Bailey as he is the spokesperson for the Democratic Party of Saline County.

Felix Stacy shared that the Farmer's Market in Benton is open and will be until October 26th. The Democratic Party of Saline County has a booth there. The next time it will need staffing is April 20th. Also Third Thursday will begin April 18th and each week will have a theme. Felix requested volunteers



to help staff both events. If you are interested in volunteering reach out to Felix at 501-944-1995.

Tamme Adams gave a report on Election Commission activities. She shared a recent anomaly with the run-off election. The two other election commissioners voted to open a polling site in Paron to aide the runoff between Barbara Howell and Keith Kellum on April 2, 2024. Total votes cast for the JP race was 613. Kellum received 409 votes and Howell received 204 votes and approximately 330 votes for Kellum came from the Paron vote center that was opened especially for this election.

Gary Fults brought the marijuana amendment for signatures. He noted that the state has received \$31 million in tax revenue from marijuana sales.

Bailey Morgan asked for everyone to think about candidate donation amounts for the next meeting so we can disperse some of the funds raised from Kickin Blue to the candidates.

Lela and Nita Brown and Gary Fults all emphasized the importance of taking training if you are getting petitions signed. Whole pages of signatures can be thrown out if there is an error on the page. The most common error is the notary.

Teresa Dannaway and Patty Hector are having a campaign kick-off event on May 11th at Tyndall Park from 10 a.m. until noon. They would like for everyone to show up and share donuts and listen to their stump speech.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Our next monthly meeting will be May 14, 2024 at 6:30pm at Democratic Party Headquarters



Financial Report			
		Checkbook	
Beginning Balance 04/1/2024	\$10,457.86		
	<i>Description</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Debits</i>
	Act Blue	\$1,588.16	
	Donations by check/cash	\$3,690.99	
	Luke Juneau		\$425.00
	Website Go Daddy		\$26.99
	SquareUp		\$84.56
	Party City (Kickn Blue)		\$9.78
	Trader Joe's (Kickn Blue)		\$241.65
	Pasta J's (Kickn Blue)		\$1,341.95
	Amazon (table cloths)		\$40.46
	Amazon (Kickn Blue)		\$132.14
	WalMart (Kickn Blue)		\$20.70
	Cash Withdrawal (Kickn Blue)		\$100.00
	Home Depot (tables)		\$120.05
	Saline County Library (printing)		\$10.03
Ending Balance on 04/30/2024	\$13,183.70		