



August 12, 2024

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome / Introductions

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement:

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Announcements:

- 2nd Vice Chair Vacancy
- Appointment of New Community Outreach Chair
- August 24, 2024 - Trivia Teams - Martha West
- T-Shirt Sales

Officer Reports

- Treasurer – Tamme Adams
- Secretary - Melinda Lou Hensley
- 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 -
- Voter Outreach Committee - Bailey Morgan
- Fundraising Committee - Melinda Hensley
- Saline County Democratic Women - Lela Chism and Brittany Smith

Action Items:

- Nominate and vote on Second Vice Chair Position

Discussion Items:

Next DPSC Monthly meeting: September 10, 2024

Motion to Adjourn

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Lela Chism
Bailey Morgan
Sam Stueart

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Democratic Party of Saline County

COMMITTEE MEETING

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

ATTENDEES: Pat Edwards, Martha West, Melinda Lou Hensley, Brittany Smith, Chris Smith, Mary Gorden, Mike Gorden, Fred McGraw, Steve Rittenmeyer, Tana Burrows, Teresa Dannaway, Cindy Bowden, Bailey Morgan, Lela Chism, Jon Poteet, Lisa Poteet, Laura Butler, Tanya Williams, Brent Carroll, Dustin Parsons, Tamme Adams, Patty Hector

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes & Financial Statement

1. Minutes from June 11, 2024 were approved
2. Financial statement for the month of May 2024 was presented by Tamme Adams. We received \$809.29 and expenses were \$4,999.10 leaving a balance of \$9,671.07. \$3,050 of the expenses consisted of candidate contributions.

Action Items



Discussion/Informative Items

Bailey Morgan announced that we had two new members join the party and welcomed any new members who were in attendance.

Bailey Morgan announced that he had sent 2,500 text messages through Call HUB (our new text messaging service) in support of the Heroes of Independence day. Bailey also thanked Martha West, JP Candidate in District #3, Gina Thomas-Littlejohn, House Candidate in District #81, and everyone else involved in coordinating the successful event.

Bailey Morgan announced that we have new t-shirts for sale. Please go to merch.salinedems.com to purchase t-shirts. He will be submitting the t-shirt order on 8/2/24.

Bailey requested volunteers for the July 27th Community Connection event where Democrats will canvas for/with candidates and those who don't want to canvas can write postcards. Everyone will meet at Dem headquarters and canvas at 9 a.m. The people canvassing will leave in groups and postcard writers will be given materials.

Bailey announced that the marijuana and abortion ballot measures received enough signatures to be on the ballot in November. Jon Poteet cautioned that the Secretary of State had not certified them yet. The other ballot measures (Education, Pink Tax and FOIA) did not get enough signatures. Laura Butler stated that individuals may still sign the petitions if they haven't done so yet for abortion and marijuana. Laura indicated that signatures can be gathered up until the Secretary of State completes the counting.

Tamme Adams, our Treasurer and Election Commissioner, shared that the State audited one precinct from the primary election and the actual ballots matched the electronic ballots exactly. There were no errors. Tamme also mentioned that the Election Commissioners office will be destroying some old records



that were damaged as a result of the office flooding two or three years ago (they are old records).

Bailey Morgan encouraged our members to sign up through the Democratic Party of Arkansas to be a Block Captain. For more information about Block Captains you may reach out to Dara Gaines for information at dara@arkdems.org or go to <https://www.arkdems.org/arkansas-block-captain/> to sign up.

Steve Rittenmeyer from The Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village announced that they are having a fundraising dinner July 25th. Tickets are \$60 and you may go to their website www.hsvdemocrats.com to purchase tickets. Mr. Rittenmeyer also said that HSV Democratic Club has one billboard on Highway 7 that says Help Protect Social Security, Medicare and they are trying to get funding together to put another billboard up on Interstate 30.

Bailey Morgan announced that the Saline County Democratic Women's group has been revived and to reach out to Brittany Smith or Lela Chism if you would like to join email them at salinecountywar@gmail.com.

Bailey presented a resolution request from Lela Chism. The Progressive Caucus is encouraging Democratic County Committees to sign on with their resolution concerning a ceasefire in Gaza. Bailey read the resolution aloud. Dustin Parsons made a motion to approve it stating he saw nothing wrong with it. Brittany Smith seconded the motion. Martha West questioned if this resolution would possibly effect the pro-Israel community and likely voters mentioning that all candidates would have to deal with the consequences in their campaigns. Pat Edwards stated that she felt uncomfortable voting on something that she just received and didn't have time to review. Melinda Hensley stated that there was no mention of the torture of Israeli hostages or the family members that Israel had lost. Bailey Morgan stated that he believed that was mentioned. Dustin Parsons reiterated that he approved of the measure and saw nothing wrong with the language. Melinda Hensley asked what are we trying to



accomplish? Are we trying to strong arm the state party into making a statement? Lela Chism spoke up and gave statistics on the number of Palestinians killed and noted that the resolution is aimed at trying to speak for those victims and hopefully influence the lawmakers in Washington to take action towards a ceasefire. Melinda Hensley questioned how that Saline County Dems could have any effect on Washington and also stated she felt like it was genocide happening in Gaza. Lela Chism stated if everyone said something maybe lawmakers would notice.

Bailey Morgan took a vote and everyone in attendance voted for the measure except Melinda Hensley, Pat Edwards and Martha West who voted against it. The resolution request passed by majority vote. Resolution is attached as part of the meeting minute notes.

Next, Bailey Morgan presented changes to the bylaws. Brittany Smith made a motion to approve, Dustin Parsons seconded the motion and Bailey then went over the proposed changes line by line. Dustin Parsons asked if a 30 day notice had been given for rules changes and Bailey indicated that he had announced at the last committee meeting that the rules would be changing. Members voted unanimously to approve the changes. Bylaws are attached as part of the meeting minutes notes.

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

Our next monthly meeting will be August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Democratic Party Headquarters .



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ActBlue Donations (Recurring & Standalone)	\$1,605.08	
Verizon Wireless (WiFi)		\$91.86
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May Donation to Owen Haynes (JP 4)		\$350
May Donation to Patty Hector (JP 13)		\$350
May Donation to Brent Carroll (JP 10)		\$350
Luke Juneau (Rent)		\$425
Benton Chamber of Commerce (Salt Bowl Booth)		\$250
<u>Totals:</u>	\$1,790.67	\$1,978.72



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: _____ Gender Identity: _____

Residence Address: _____

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Please circle your preference in notification: Email Text Phone call

Please circle the committee/caucuses you wish to join:

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Senior Democrats

Stonewall

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Democratic Women

Community Activism

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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.

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Includes monthly “Thank You” postcard & thanks by name in the DPSC Blue Review Newsletter!

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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

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of Every Month at 6:30 pm