

Payne County Democrats  
Meeting Minutes from 10 April 2025  
Stillwater Community Center Stillwater, OK 74074  
Snacks and socializing at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm

Present at Meeting: Sherril Moore, Kevin Dawson, Stacie Hayes, Cal Prater, Sarah Prater, Nancy Brookes-Davenport, George Lowry, Justin Cypert-Worley, David Copley, Sam Cypert-Worley, Kathy Huston, Jim Huston, Gary Lanman, Lara Maxwell, Avery McIntyre, Maria Moccia-Wolff, Bob Darcy, Florence Degler, Mary Dickey, Deanna Homer, John Homer, Cynthia Gedra

### **Officer Reports:**

President's Report and announcements: Justin Worley This is the final meeting for Justin as our Chair, as he is stepping down from that position. He will be running for President of Young Democrats of Oklahoma.

The Payne County Democrats Officer Group has been working together since 2023. Sarah Prater is a candidate for Chair. She is founder of the Consortium of 9 Stillwater community political groups.

Finance Report: Our checking account has more than \$15,000 in it

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Gedra There were no minutes from our last meeting since we chose our Precinct Officers. The Officers' names and contact information was sent to the State Democratic Party.

Affirmative Action Report: none

OSU College Democrats Report: Avery McIntyre no report today

CD3 Report: none

**Committee Reports:** none today due to guest speakers

Communications Justin Cypert-Worley

Hospitality Snacks were provided by Cynthia Gedra

Budget No Report

Political Affairs

Community Engagement

Events Pam Lanman

## Veteran Affairs

Membership and Recruitment Lisa Bozeman

Precinct Engagement Jim Huston

### **Activity**

We had guest speakers Kevin Dawson (Norman) and Stacie Hayes (Guthrie). Dawson is running against incumbent Alicia Andrews for State Democratic Party Chair, and Hayes for Vice-Chair.

Dawson has experience as a Union leader. He was a locomotive engineer and a fire fighter. He has been a Precinct Chair, County Delegate and National Delegate. He will not take a stipend as Chair, if he gets it, because he has retirement income. Hayes was a CD3 member and Logan County Chair. She talked about their platform:

- recruit strong candidates
- increase voter turnout
- precinct officer activation
- unified Democratic message
- support fair wages, unions and working people
- support "federations" within the party

They want to distance the Oklahoma Party from Washington D.C.. collaborate with Oklahoma's elected officials, and be out in front of the people in leadership roles.

Their entire presentation was recorded and posted on our Payne County Democrats Facebook page. There were questions and comments from the audience.

### **New/Old Business**

April 17 former Maryland Governor O'Malley will be a guest at Oklahoma Democratic Party dinner

### **Discussion/Announcements**

Pass the Hat collected \$85.00

Next meeting is Saturday, April 19th at the Stillwater Community Center at 10:00am where we will elect our new Payne County Officers

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Gedra