

Payne County Democrats
Meeting Minutes from 8 May 2025
Stillwater Community Center Stillwater, OK 74074
Snacks and socializing at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm

Present at Meeting: Lisa Bozeman, Nancy Brookes-Davenport, Sam Cypert-Worley, Justin Cypert-Worley, Florence Degler, Mary Dickey, Michelle Dickey, Cynthia Gedra, Deanna Homer, John Homer, Kathy Huston, Jim Huston, Diane Lowe, Abigail Martin, Avery McIntyre, Sarah Prater, Elyssa Hoffman, Alberta Bertenshaw, Bud Reese

Officer Reports:

President's Report and announcements: Sarah Prater gave a Statement of Intent for the meeting today for us to be able to best participate in our Democracy. Alicia Andrews, Justin Cypert-Worley, Florence Degler and Abigail Martin added their ideas about living our values, electing more Democrats, taking care of the community, speaking up for fellow Oklahomans so that we all have the same government rights and protections.

Sarah gave a brief introduction of herself. She is Sarah Fultz Prater, a mom of kids from the age of 27 to 8 years old. She wants to capitalize on overlaps between what different Stillwater and Payne County groups are doing. Politics is people together making decisions. She thinks that if more people voted, we'd see that Oklahoma is "purple".

Special guest speaker Alicia Andrews Alicia has been State Chair for 6 years. She ran to make the State Party more responsive to all Oklahoma counties and to get the Party out of debt, which she has done.

We have to campaign everywhere in the state and has partnered with "Contest Every Race"

Three quarters of our money comes from small donations.

In the last few years we have lost 100,000 registered Democrats. We will focus on voter outreach and targeted voter registration. An anonymous donor has given \$75,000.00 to fund this targeted voter registration.

We must help and support people who are running for office.

We must run Democratic candidates, get people out to vote, and be loud and proud Democrats.

Finance Report: Sam Cypert-Worley We will use a standardized budget accounting system like what OSU uses. It is much more rigorous than what we have been using, and uses standard accounting codes. We will move to a May to April fiscal year. There is \$9,653.34 in the account. [Link to Financial Report](#)

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Gedra The Minutes from the Payne County Convention and the April 10th meeting were approved with an amendment to the account balance on the April 10th statement to be \$9,653.00 (Justin C-W/McIntyre)

Affirmative Action Report: Christian Jimenez/Cal Prater No report

OSU College Democrats Report: Avery McIntyre slate of officers elected for 2025-26:

President-Avery McIntyre

Vice President-Carter Lowry

Treasurer-Christian Jimenez

Secretary-Kael Mercer

Director of Political Affairs-Siona_____

Director of Communications-Maggie Raper

CD3 Report: Avery McIntyre There was a great turn-out and good engagement at the CD3 Convention. The slate of elected officers for the next 2 years:

Chair-Sarah Carnes

Vice Chair- Avery McIntyre *

Secretary-Jim Potts

AA 1-Carter Lowry *

AA 2-Emmerson Cave *

*OSU College Dems!

Committee Reports:

Communications Justin Cypert-Worley showed us a sample of our new website that he made using RUN! Software. This looked great and everyone seemed to like the looks of it. The cost is \$800.00 up front, then \$50.00 per month after that, based on the number of active Democrats.

Alicia Andrews suggested that we link to the State Party's "Mobilize" on our website. It tells you what events are happening in your location. Motion passed to find the money to afford to pay for this website. (Justin C-W/Gedra)

Hospitality Florence Degler Thanks to Jim and Kathy Huston for today's snacks

Budget Sam Cypert-Worley No Report

Political Affairs (maybe Cindy Alexander or Christian Jimenez?) No report

Community Engagement Abigail Martin, Florence Degler No report

Events (Chair?) Co-Chair Justin Cypert-Worley Justin is working on the Diamond Donkey Gala with Kim Howerton. He asks that if anyone can afford to sponsor a ticket, that they buy tickets and mark them as donated tickets.

Veteran Affairs (Bryon Springer?) No report

Membership and Retention Lisa Bozeman said that she might return to the simple sign-in on a sheet of paper for future meetings and she will update the attendance on the computer after the meeting.

Precinct Engagement Michelle Dickey/Jim Huston

New/Old Business

-Precinct Officer Training will be by Zoom on May 19, 20 or 21 We'll take a vote for the most popular day. It will be available recorded afterward.

-Alicia Andrews: At State Convention's Carl Albert dinner, speakers will be J.B Pritzger, Elizabeth Warren, and George Nigh! Dinner cost is \$100.00

-Two motions were passed to help offset the cost of going to State Convention.

A) Cynthia Gedra: Delegates and Officers receive a \$50.00 stipend and will be reimbursed with proof of attendance. Cost is \$750.00 (Gedra/Justin C-W)

B) Justin Cypert-Worley: Payne County Democrats sponsor two tables at the Carl Albert Dinner. Cost is \$3,000.00. This will be contingent on us breaking even at the Diamond Donkey Gala to be able to afford this. (Justin C-W/Gedra)

Motion A rescinded. (Justin C-W/McIntyre)

Discussion/Announcements

-Diane Lowe: Red Wine and Blue is holding a Protection of Democracy march at the Payne County Courthouse (clock) on every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please join in as you can.

-Abigail Martin: Blue Dot Stillwater is holding a Memorial Day Friendraiser from 3pm until sundown. Music, food and socializing. We can bring sides or desserts. Location 8624 S. Jardot Rd.

Adjourned Michelle Dickey/Justin C-W) 8:15pm

Pass the Hat \$67.00

Next meeting is Thursday, June 12th at the Stillwater Community Center at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Gedra