

Payne County Democrats
Meeting Minutes from 9 May 2024
Stillwater Public Library
Snacks and socializing at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm

Present at Meeting: Terese Bandy, Debi Bomar, Lisa Bozeman, Rita Breuninger, David Copley, Sam Cypert, Florence Degler, Robin Fuxa, Cynthia Gedra, Alex Good, Deanna Homer, John Homer, Smita Mohanty, Pat Mullins, Gary Nicholson, Camryn Paulson, MJ Seals, Elizabeth Thornton, Justin Worley

Officer Reports:

President's Report and announcements: Justin Worley

- May 18 at 10am, Senate candidate Robin Fuxa will have a door knocking day. Meet at Balanced Coffee in Stillwater.
- OU Candidate Training last month. Several officers and Payne County dems went to this training, showing different ways to connect with voters. Payne County Democrats can help you with the expense of going to one of these sessions, if you want to go!
- Pride Event was canceled due to rain. We will be reimbursed for the entrance fee.

Finance Report: Carolyn Gang

- Read into the record by Justin Worley. Report submitted by Carolyn Gang. In April, we had the largest Pass the Hat collection to date! Balance is \$16,223.05

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Gedra

- April minutes were approved. (Sam Cypert/Cynthia Gedra)
- All in attendance indicated that they were receiving emails from PC Dems.

Affirmative Action Report: Sam Cypert, Pat Mullins

- Sam reported that May is Asian and Pacific Islanders month.
- the Unity Picnic at Stonecloud was a success.
- OSU College Dems elected new officers for 2024-25
- Perkins Coffee Chat at Wandering Brew was pleasant. Thank you to all who attended.

OSU College Democrats Report: Camryn Paulson

- The Unity Picnic was good.
- Please sign the petition to get Raise the Minimum Wage on the ballot.

CD3 Report: Roger Mullins

No report

Committee Reports: Thank you to all the Committee Chairs!!

*Notebooks were handed out to the Committee Chairs. The notebooks have information, guidelines and expectations in them so that they will know what to do when they meet.

Communications Sam Cypert

Budget No Report

Political Affairs Sam Cypert

Community Engagement Alex Good, Camryn Paulson (ammended from the April minutes. (Motion by Camryn Paulson, Sam Cypert)

Events Pam Lanman, Carolyn Gang. See announcements, below.

Veteran Affairs Ed Noltensmeyer. No report

Membership and Recruitment Lisa Bozeman

Activity

-Discussion about Scholarships. The Executive Board members approved 4 Scholarships for \$500. Each for the upcoming year. Two will be awarded at Brayfest, and 2 at Diamond Donkey. Requirements and application will be forthcoming.

Suggestions and discussion from meeting attendees:

-John and Deanna Homer suggested that they could be \$1,000 each

-Young Dems are designated as anyone under 35 years old. One of the scholarships could be specifically for this group and one could be for a student of any age.

-Any registered Democrat in Payne County enrolled in OSU, Meridian or Career Tech. The recipient could also be attending any higher education school or university (even outside Payne County) as long as they are a resident of, and registered Democrat in Payne County.

New/Old Business

- We are still looking for office space downtown in Stillwater. Rent at a storefront that is opening up is \$2,700/month!
- We may have a Call Time to raise funds for renting a place during election season. This way, candidates will have a place to work. This is how we support them.

Discussion/Announcements

- Next Coffee Chat is May 18th and 9:00 am at Round House Bakery
- Book Club meets Tuesday May 14th, 6:30 pm, to discuss [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)
- “Mid-Term Meltdown” satire and cobbler event May 19th at Library Auditorium. 2-4 pm. \$10.00 pp. RSVP to Carolyn Gang at noltens@aol.com
- Bake Sale at 1st Methodist Church for Gloria Hesser tomorrow (Friday, May 10) from 8:30 -11:00 am

Adourn- (Camryn Paulson, Rita Breuninger)

Next meeting is Thursday, June 13th at Stillwater Public Library at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Gedra