

Payne County Democrats
Meeting Minutes from 12 September 2024
1002 S. Husband St., Stillwater, OK 74074
Snacks and socializing at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm

Present at Meeting: Genie Baumann, Debra Bennett, David Copley, Bob Darcy, Florence Degler, Lucas Fenderson, Robin Fuxa, Carolyn Gang, Chris Garoffolo, Cynthia Gedra, Deanna Homer, Michelle Honeyman, Jim Huston, Pat Jaynes, Billie Jean Johnson, Kenneth Poe, Neal Ketchman, Poe Linn, Lara Maxwell, Avery McIntyre, Ann Moore, Lynne Murnane, Clay Ness, Gary Nicholson, Ed Noltensmeyer, Camryn Paulson, Julia Reid, Saxon Sheppard, Julie Slavens, Elizabeth Thornton, Justin Worley

Officer Reports:

President's Report and announcements: Justin Worley

-We had a booth at the Payne County Fair, and Justin commented that he had the opportunity to speak with a lot of fair-goers, and he thought it was a good turn-out. We have purchased Kamala Harris for President signs, and we are selling them for \$10.00 each here at our headquarters. Carolyn Gang noted that the signs are Union Women-made signs.

Finance Report: Carolyn Gang -We have a total balance of \$17,219.46, which includes the Sandy Ness Scholarship funds of \$1,380.00 [See attached report.](#)

Secretary's Report: Cynthia Gedra -August minutes were approved (Gang/Casey). There was an "Easter Egg" in the minutes, and Elizabeth Thurman won a Harris bumper sticker and small hand sanitizer for knowing the correct answer. [See attached August minutes](#)

Affirmative Action Report: Sam Cypert, Pat Mullins -Absent, no report

OSU College Democrats Report: Avery McIntyre -OSU Dems are hosting a state-wide convention this weekend. Their next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th from 6:30-7:30pm

CD3 Report: Roger Mullins-Absent, no report

Committee Reports:

Communications Sam Cypert

Dorothy Pew spoke about some Facebook announcements.

Hospitality Florence Degler - No need for October meeting snacks as that will be Brayfest. We do need a November snack provider to volunteer.

Budget No Report

Political Affairs Sam Cypert -No report

Community Engagement Alex Good, Camryn Paulson have both stepped down from this duty. Thank you for your work at the Payne County Fair! We are currently seeking one-two people to take on this position.

Events Pam Lanman, Carolyn Gang -"The Party that brays together stays together" is the Brayfest theme. Plan to come on October 10 at 6pm at the Stillwater Public Library. It will be catered with rice and beans, meat, and cobbler. It is meant to be a casual social event, and there will be a few fundraising items.

Veteran Affairs Ed Noltensmeyer-No report

Membership and Recruitment Lisa Bozeman-Please sign in tonight

Precinct engagement Jim Huston-it is slow, but moving along

Candidate reports Lucas Fenderson-there will be a Fuxa/Ranson Town Hall coming up. There are opportunities for phone banking, door knocking and post-card writing. Sign up for notification on their respective sign-up sheets or see their websites. Rockin' with Ranson, featuring the Red Dirt Rangers, is on October 6. Trish Ranson has a QR code on a sticker for you to keep up with her events.

-There was a question later in the meeting about who Trish Ranson's opponent is. His name is Muchmore, he supports Ryan Walters, Donald Trump. He wants to privatize education and does not support LGBTQ issues or rights.

-Robin Fuxa's opponent is Grellner. He supports an abortion ban, Ryan Walters, Kevin Stitt, and is anti-immigration, anti-LGBTQ. His website is full of national issues, not local or state issues.

Activity

Dan Williams, Special Advisor to Alicia Edwards, spoke with us about voting as a registered Democrat, strategic voting as a registered Republican, and the next elections for Oklahoma Governor. The Republican candidates are Ryan Walters, Kevin Hearne, Charles McCall, and Greg Treat. Asked if there was a Democrat candidate, he said yes, but no names at this time.

New/Old Business

- Sign up to sit at headquarters to keep the doors open during the week for people to come get yard signs.
- It was suggested that we donate to the OK State party.
- We need to pay the \$200.00 registration fee for entry in the OSU Parade. Motion Approved. (Murnane/Noltens)

Discussion/Announcements

- October 17** is the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum
- Political t-shirts for Kamala Harris can be found on Etsy
- some political wear can be found at OKdemocrats.org
- Coffee Chat-will actually be a **lunch in Cushing on September 28** from 1:30-2:30. There is a Festival in the Park. Robin Fuxa will be serving. More information to follow.
- The "Hat" for donations was passed around
- Move to adjourn (Casey/Gang)

Next meeting is not a meeting, it is BRAYFEST on Thursday, October 10th at the Stillwater Public Library at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Gedra