

Faulkner Co. Democratic Party

General Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019, 6:30pm

Chair	David Barber	Secretary	Jessica Angel
Vice Chair	Christi Berry	Communications Chair	Meleah Bowles
Parliamentarian	Joseph Charlson	Events & Fundraising Chair	Maureen Skinner
Treasurer	Jim Mosley		

1. David Barber opened the meeting at 6:30
2. David Barber spoke about UCA poverty studies
 - a. UCA is studying poverty in AR
 - b. Event last week- Federal Reserve Bank of STL, nonprofit leaders, city council members, etc
 - c. A lot of groups are solving problems that our government should be solving- how can we work to ensure agencies are working toward solving problems caused by poverty
3. David Barber introduced speaker
 - a. Patti Heath, passed Patti Heath bill, which relates to service animals in AR and expanding representation of service animals in our state. 2018 was the first year service dogs were allowed at Toad Suck Daze
 - i. Spent 3 years working on Patti Heath bill, helping to get AR law up to par with the ADA
 - ii. Working out details so that the law isn't so vague, such as including service dogs in training
 - iii. Every state's laws are different
 - iv. Faulkner Co Sheriff encouraged Patti, asking her to help train deputies
 - v. Problems for people with service animals
 1. Some places can ask service dogs in training to leave by one law, but not another- not very cohesive laws
 2. Wrote & got a law passed last week supporting service animals in housing
 - vi. Showed Sen. Rapert ADA next to AR law to point out discrepancies, such as ADA includes service dogs for all disabilities, but AR only included blindness, deafness
 - vii. Discussed differences between service dogs, service dogs in training, emotional support animals, and pet dogs
 1. Service dogs are trained for specific tasks and trained to be brought in public, emotional support animals are intended to be kept at home
 - viii. Law that Patti is trying to model in AR:
 1. <https://legiscan.com/ID/text/S1075/2019>
 - ix. Patti knows of 50 people in AR, 10 in Conway who have service animals
4. Maureen moved that we approve [March minutes](#)
 - a. Mel seconded
5. [Treasurer report](#)
 - a. Net total: -49.44
 - b. Can pay monthly for dues on ActBlue, can buy T Shirts on ActBlue
6. Upcoming Events
 - a. [Block Party on April 13](#)- need volunteers to man tables
 - i. Jill Acree: We don't MAN tables, we *staff* tables
 - b. Need volunteers for hourly shifts
7. Legislative updates
 - a. Updates on sheet
 - b. New candidate filing deadline will be in November
 - i. We need candidates soon
 - ii. We will compile a list of open seats

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1. Hayden & Maureen have been working on a Faulkner Co candidate guide, based on Washington Co guide
 - iii. Encourage people you know to run for office! Especially in the county
 - iv. Many candidates from 2018 are eager to help potential candidates
 - v. [NDIC training](#) is April 27, 9:00am-5:00pm in Little Rock.
 1. People who want to run, want to support a candidate, want to work on a campaign
- c. Christy: there is a bill for early child educators getting a tax credit
 - i. You can call your reps/senators and say "I support early childhood education"
 - ii. [SB618](#)
- d. Breweries in Faulkner Co
 - i. Bipartisan legislation- Hawks and Magie support it
 - ii. If it gets passed, could it be called unconstitutional?
 - iii. Limits on breweries like limit on purchases, size
 - iv. [Bill HB1852](#)
8. [Run Sister Run meeting](#)- April 13 @Philander Smith College
9. [Madeliene Albright speaking](#) - April 6 @Little Rock
10. [Lucie's Place event](#) - April 6 @ Kings in Conway
11. [Please sign up for committees](#)
 - a. Outreach, fundraising, events
12. Events
 - a. May 18 for Donaghey Dinner
 - b. Need volunteers!
 - i. A Google Form will be shared soon
 - ii. Can save money by setting up
 - iii. Brick Room & Kings downtown
 - iv. 2 part: formal dinner @brickroom, afterparty @kings
 - v. More details to come
 - vi. Goal: provide opportunity to volunteer to earn ticket
13. Julie introduced Michael & Victoria Reed
 - a. Introduced Dean Flanagan, Vice Chair for Counties for DPA
14. Action Items
 - a. Encourage friends us like us on [Facebook](#)
 - b. Sign up for emails
 - c. Invite friend to meeting
15. May Meeting: Phil Fletcher with CoHo
 - a. Service project: collect snacks for CoHo summer program
16. Identified House Rep districts in Conway
 - a. Looking for candidates in county
17. Teresa Gallegos (secretary from DPA) invited questions about DPA
 - a. Patti suggested contacting county & state gov about first responders not separating service animal from their human
 - b. Jim asked for candidate training- early and often
 - c. Julie A- is the state aware of progress from counties?
 - i. Dean Flanagan (county point of contact for DPA): state doesn't know anything until county tells them
 - ii. Transition from 2016-2017 turned county party structure & processes upside down
 - iii. Trying to transform party from just candidate recruitment to community oriented
 - iv. Working on communications from DPA to public
 - v. Dean is starting newsletter

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- vi. Building trust between DPA and county parties
 - d. Patti asked about teaching about mental health awareness to first responders
 - i. Dean clarified that that is a legislation process
18. Wrap up
- a. Thank you to speaker Patti Heath
 - b. Please sign in, please sign up for volunteering
 - c. Verify membership with Jim
 - d. Maureen moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned

Members Present:

- Jill Acree
- Julie Adkisson
- Austin Angel
- Jessica Angel
- David Barber
- Christi Berry
- Meleah Bowles
- Teresa Gallegos
- Nancy Graddy
- Pat Haggard
- Tina Haggard
- LeRoy Hendricks
- Frances Hendricks
- Jim Mosley
- Hayden Pearce
- Maureen Skinner

3 Guests Present