



General Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

6:29p-7:32p

Meeting Type: Monthly General Committee

Meeting Chair: Anna Good, DPBC Chair

Invitees: General Members of the DPBC

Zoom Link: [Click here to join](#)

I. Call to Order – 6:29p

- a. In attendance: Christine EJ, Tyler Masters Ed Stacey, Anna Good, Maritza, Cody Little, Herman Grewal, Bill Beck, Lisa Low, Kelley Boyd, Stanley Fure, Sherri, Dan Whitfield, Shannon Cantrell, Zeb Undernehr, Angela Hickman, Celeste Williams, Anna Knecht, Justice Thompson, Marianne Zotti, Tanner Pittman, Dave Cooper, Kelly Krout, Ryan Agnew, Joe Rainey, Lon Cross, Erika Morales, Bud Amann, Carol Bobeck, Julia K Bailey, Hal Shope, Sue Stacey, Lupe Martinez, Sarah Moore, Murray Burrier, Mason Kesner, David Bernstein, Clint Shcaff, Amanda Conrad, Bruce Gillespie, Judith Bernstein, Kate Schaffer, Jennifer Smith, Janey Peugh, Jon Comstock, Phebe Sistosio, Phil Riley, Daisy Bonilla

II. Secretary's Report

- a. Motion for Approval: 1st – Cody Little, 2nd – Kelley Boyd (Motion passed).

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Approved by SteerCo on 2.3
- b. Motion for Approval: 1st – Ed Stacey, 2nd – Maritza Munich (Motion passed).

IV. DPBC Strategy Pillars

- a. Strategy Pillars
 - i. The Pillars
 - 1. Educate & Engage
 - 2. Unite & Uplift

3. Recruit & Retain
- ii. Educate & Engage
 1. Provide clear, concise, and consistent information
 2. Initiate opportunities for fellowship
- iii. Unite & Uplift
 1. Build events for learning and sharing
 2. Promote quality activities and candidates
- iv. Recruit & Retain
 1. Generate membership interest
 2. Plan efficient use of resources and assets

V. Guest Speakers

- a. Christine Erwin-Jimenez, Candidates & Elections Chair
 - i. Elections page is published on website
 - ii. Upcoming elections
 1. Gentry Special
 2. School Boards
 - a. Decatur, Gentry, Gravette, Pea ridge, Rogers, Siloam Springs
- b. Sarah Moore, Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition
 - i. <https://arjusticereform.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/arjusticereformcoalition/>
 - ii. Organized 2 years ago, working on becoming 501c3
 1. Advocates for housing rights, mental health service, addiction, homelessness, exit from criminal justice system issues
 - iii. Local Issues Need Your Voice
 1. Benton County – Quorum Court, City Council Meetings, State Legislature
 2. Call, email, write directly to JPs, council members, & State Legislators
 - a. Make it your own and personal if possible, keep it short, offer a solution, be polite, thank for things you appreciate

- iv. Website - <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>
 - 1. Information about current legislation moving through House & Senate
 - 2. Multiple ways to find your Legislator
- v. Groups to follow:
 - 1. Arkansas Advocates for Children
 - 2. Moms Demand
 - 3. DecARcerate
 - 4. Citizens First Congress
 - 5. Arkansas Federation of Democratic Women
 - 6. NWA NAACP
 - 7. Arkansas Renters United
 - 8. Arkansans for Stronger Communities
 - 9. Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition
- vi. Bills to Watch:
 - 1. SB24 Stand Your Ground
 - 2. SB292 More money for law enforcement equipment
 - 3. HB1158 Prison Trust Fund – allows the purchase of buildings in Arkansas by DOC to open more prisons
 - 4. SB195 Expansion of FOIA to include private companies that operate for the public
 - 5. SB197 Ends practice of civil asset forfeiture in favor of criminal asset forfeiture
 - 6. HB 1256 Expands those that can seal records to include those that served DOC time
 - 7. HB 1114 Parole/probation supervision fee increase
- c. Julia Bailey, RIPMedical Debt
 - i. Partnered with All Saints Episcopal Church in Bentonville
 - ii. Targeting medical debt in Arkansas. 501c3. Goal is to locate, purchase, and abolish unpaid medical debt which affects 40% of households across US
 - iii. Donating 1 penny = \$1 dollar in paid off debt
- d. Phebe Sistroso, APRN-CNM
 - i. HB 1215 – Full practice authority for nurse midwives in Arkansas
 - ii. <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?ddBienniumSession=2019%2F2019R&measureno=HB1215>

VI. Open Forum

- a. Voter Registration Workshop
 - i. <https://www.facebook.com/events/703448593701304/>
- b. BC Dems next meeting is Monday, February 22nd
 - i. Bonnie Miller – AR Votes First Chair is guest speaker

VII. Adjournment – 1, Ed, 2nd Lon (7:32p)

- a. Motion for Adjournment: 1st – Ed Stacey, 2nd – Lon Cross (Adjourned at 7:32p)