



SCP Democrats for Action Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 Amenities Center - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement: Building a Better Democratic Presence in Spalding County

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" – Eleanor Roosevelt

Call to Order - Chair Scottie Neil

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker – Gail Buckner, President, National Federation of Democratic Women, was introduced by Scottie Neil. Ms. Buckner gave an engaging presentation about the activities of the Federation of Democratic Women and current hot topics. She stressed the importance of local action, reminding us of Tip O'Neil's famously quoted "All Politics is Local". There was a short Q&A Session. She invited the group to the annual National Convention in New Orleans on June 8-10, 2023.

Brief Business Meeting:

Comments from the Chair - Scottie Neil discussed the disturbing matter of the "Tennessee-3" Democratic legislators from the Tennessee Legislature, noting that the white female representative was not expelled, while the two black male representatives were expelled, but were slated to be reinstated. She also reviewed the recent bank shooting by a gunman with an AR15, and the need for gun control legislation. She noted that it was the Gen Z population that are taking up protests of these kind of events and that they are the face of the future.

Old Business

1. Review/Approve March Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the March 8, 2023, meeting were approved as distributed both by email and copies in the meeting.
2. Treasurers Report - Mike Greenawalt reported that as of the last report, March 8, 2023, the bank balance was \$1,215.33. We have since received \$193.00 (\$40 in cash and checks, \$120 from credit card donations, and \$33 from ActBlue). We have disbursed \$75.99 (\$6.51 in credit card processing fees, \$48.67 to support technology use, and \$20.81 to support club activity). The final bank balance on April 12, 2023, is: \$1,332.34.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Political Liaison to Spalding County Democratic Committee – Elbert Solomon reported that the SCDC:
 - Registered five new voters.
 - Completed the development of mass registration plan.
 - Had 29 members in attendance at the March 16th general meeting. A new meeting format facilitates members participating in discussion of current issues.
 - Continues to search for candidates for the November City of Griffin Mayor and two commissioner races.
 - Candidates can qualify August 21 – 26.
 - Currently, we have 100 membership renewals and seven new members.
 - The next General Membership Meeting is April 20th at 6 pm at the Courthouse Annex 119 Solomon St.

b. Social Committee - Jennifer Woods reported that:

- The June meeting will be a picnic, to be held on Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day), at the Sports Facility from 5-7 PM. Hamburgers will be provided, and members are asked to bring sides & desserts to share, and your own beverages. Because the Sports Facility has covered space, a rain date is unnecessary. Bring your picnic basket ready to enter a "Best Basket" contest!
- Co-chairs Jennifer Woods & Ricky Harley welcome volunteers to help with the committee. Contact Jennifer Woods at ednjenny@aol.com for more information.

New Business:

1. As reported by the Social Chair above, the picnic meeting will be postponed until June. The May meeting will be held at the usual date and time which will be Wednesday, May 10, at 4 PM in the Amenities Center. The May meeting will be presented by Daryl Williams, our Political Action Committee Chair, who will provide a synopsis of the significant legislation from this year, both State and National, and its impact on us.
2. The June meeting will be a picnic, to be held on June 14 (Flag Day), at the Sports Facility from 5-7 PM.
3. There will be no July or August meetings to accommodate summer schedules, but meetings will resume in September.

Announcements:

1. Next **SCDC meeting** – Thursday, April 20, 2023, 6 PM in the Courthouse Annex. Contact Elbert Solomon at elbertsolomon50@gmail.com if you have any questions.
2. Next **DFA Meeting** – Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 4 PM in the Amenities Center. Contact Scottie Neil at sneil1024@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Adjournment