



SCP Democrats for Action Minutes

WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2023, at the Amenities Center - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement: Building a Better Democratic Presence in Spalding County

The Way to “Get Started is to Quit Talking and Begin Doing” – JFK

Call to Order - Chair Scottie Neil called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – The minutes from the last regular meeting on November 9, 2022, were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report - Mike Greenawalt provided the following report:

There are 238 names on the Membership Roster. 15 have paid the \$10 suggested annual dues for 2023. Please consider contributing your dues for 2023. Additional donations are also welcome. The last time a Treasurer’s Report was prepared was for the November 9, 2022, meeting. This report will cover all the time since then. As of last report, November 9, 2022, the bank balance was \$879.76. We have received \$721.00: \$150.00 from credit cards, and \$571 in cash and checks. We have disbursed \$414.18: \$30.00 in bank fees, \$5.99 in credit card processing fees, \$300.00 donation to SCDC, and \$78.19 expenses for Holiday Social. The final bank balance End-of-Year 2022 is: \$521.57. The final bank balance January 2023, is \$1186.58. For 2023 so far we have collected \$150.00 in dues payments and \$531.00 in unspecified donations.

There was a lively discussion about the importance of membership dues, and how to encourage folks to pay them in a timely manner. Several suggestions will be considered by the leadership team and shared at the next meeting.

Comments by Scottie Neil

Scottie welcomed all to the meeting. She then thanked Bob Beyer for his 7 years of service as president to SCP DFA. She also thanked the Expo Team for a successful event. Scottie then recognized any new members to the group, and we had one, Ms. Lessie Linch.

Old Business

Reports of Leadership Team Committees - We reviewed the current committee structure, and confirmed the leadership of each:

1. Social committee – open. We need someone to volunteer to take this role.
2. Spalding County Democratic Committee (SCDC) – Elbert Solomon
3. Communications – Phyllis Lloyd (as part of the Secretary role)
4. Elected Official Correspondent -Daryl Williams

5. Legislative Liaison (new) – Daryl Williams

Report on Community Outreach and SCDC by DFA Vice-Chair, Elbert Solomon.

1. The SCDC Office has been closed since December 9, 2022. The office will reopen February 8th and will be open two days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 4 PM moving forward.
2. Even though the office was closed, the executive committed complete the 2023 annual plan and budget that will be shared at the February 16th meeting at 5 pm at the courthouse annex building.
3. SCDC Committee has been busy supporting tornado relief efforts, providing food, household supplies and free laundromat services.
4. We are now preparing for the city of Griffin Municipal Election in November 2023 which includes the mayor's race.
5. We had a big volunteer celebration after the Raphael Warnock win on December 9th at the office.
6. The next general meeting of the SCDC is Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the courthouse annex.

Report on the Spalding County Election Board, Jim O'Brien

1. There were only 3 folks at the last meeting.
2. The meetings are now all posted on the website. However, past scheduled meetings have been often changed or cancelled with little notice.

New Business

1. Scottie Neil led a discussion about a 2023 Action Plan. All attendees then noted on index cards several suggestions about what they wanted to see SCP DFA do this year. The cards were collected, and several were picked at random and discussed in the meeting, as time permitted. The cards will all be transcribed, and the suggestions will be used by the leadership team to construct a 2023 Action Plan to guide the year's activities and present it to the group for review and approval.
2. The group decided to that we would like to hold more socials in connection with our meetings and will begin by including a social at our next meeting. We do need someone to take on the leadership of the Social Committee to help organize these events going forward.
3. The group decided to add a Legislative Liaison Committee following discussion of ideas for the 2023 Action Plan.

Announcements

1. Next Election Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14 (the 2nd Tuesday), at 6 pm in the Courthouse Annex.
2. Next SCDC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, at 5 pm in the Courthouse Annex. These normally last for 45 minutes.
3. Next SCP DFA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 4 pm in the Amenities Center. Judge Dexter Wimbish will be our guest speaker, and the meeting will include a social with refreshments and BYOB. Hope to see you there!

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.