

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 3/8/2026

8 March 2026/ 4:00 PM / GENERAL CHANNEL

ATTENDEES

APDC MEMBERS

AGENDA

- Prep for March 9 call with Gracie; Updates on matrix request from the DPA, if any.
- Discuss DPA meeting in Springdale on March 14 at 2 p.m. Update on paperwork
- Banking update and any donations
- Admin updates
- Topics for social media posts for the week; website updates for the week.
- Candidate ambassador idea: Candidates to support in 2026 elections: Kelly Grappe (s.o.s), Allison Sweatman (district 13), Lake for Ward 3, Hallie Shoffner for Senate, work with DSA on Little Rock-specific races, Robb Ryerse running for District 3, Chris Jones for District 2; what about District 4 candidate James Russell
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session
- Prep for No Kings on March 28. Do we have or need a table? What will we bring for our caucus and/or other caucuses?

Future monthly meetings topics:

- Prepare for Fiscal Session 2026
- Suggestions for 2026 Roadmap items and suggestions for DPA rules changes
- 2026 Roadmap item: Legislative item for Citizens United - see: Montana constitutional initiative called [Transparent Election Initiative](#)

UPCOMING ACTIONS:

- **Saturday, March 7:** ICE-Out protest in Ft. Smith from 3 to 5 p.m. at S. 74th St and Rogers Ave. Held every two weeks.
- **Sunday, March 8:** March for Justice at 2 p.m. at Arkansas State Capitol. More details on our [events calendar](#).
- **Sunday, March 22:** Arkansas Progressive Democrats Monthly meeting at 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 28:** [No Kings March in Little Rock](#); [No Kings March in Fayetteville](#); see a full list of [No Kings Marches](#) in Arkansas
- **Ongoing:** Request members to send FOIAs for Flock cameras in their counties. Reach out to arprogdems via email or discord for sample text and assistance on submissions.
- **Ongoing:** [Stand with Minnesota support](#). Rent relief for March is a desperate need for the community. Donate to mutual aid networks supporting people in Minnesota.
- **Ongoing:** Check our [events calendar](#) for more upcoming actions

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Prep for DPA meeting next week – are RSVPs and proxy forms completed
2. Ask Young Dems about Van Buren chapter. Other interested Dems in the area can contact Van Buren Dems through Facebook if interested in joining, page is called Democrat Party of Van Buren County or attend meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Western Sizzlin in Clinton.
3. Put Van Buren County meetings on our calendar; Fred Love is going to speak in April.
4. Check list of county chairs and look for names and emails and phone numbers for each county; and membership list to send to Van Buren Dems
5. No Kings: Fill out form to attend, ask for sponsor; create sign-up genius for anyone else in the auxiliary to attend that day and post in General Channel asking for volunteers. Update logos and other graphics on caucus material for the event.
6. Social media outreach for District 79 run-off in SWLR. Send out an email to our membership. Share posts for the two candidates.
7. Talk about cost of Streamyard – cancel if no longer needed

8. Social media posts: Post about monthly meeting; women's history month -today is International Women's Day;
9. Look into group out of Mountain Home called Ozark Forward -

NOTES:

- Fill out form for a table - and request a sponsor; an hour or two hours
- Question of the Week suggestion: Spending money on war instead of food insecurity or education of health care for the citizens of Arkansas. They're talking about holy wars etc. Fighting against direct democracy etc. Highlight candidates with these topics and build a series up to the election and paint the contrast. Candidates not having Town Halls
- Group out of Mountain Home called Ozark Forward
- Ask Young Dems about Van Buren chapter. Sandy attended the meeting - would like to get more young people involved in the county party, if they are in the area, unsure about area's demographics. No Kings, etc. Don't know if there are any at this point. Contact through facebook if interested in joining. Democrat Party of Van Buren County. Ask them to come the meetings - Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Western Sizzlin in Clinton. Could come talk to us. First Tuesday of every month unless it's an election week.

