

# Weekly Meeting 2/8/2026

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8 February 2026/ 4:00 PM / GENERAL CHANNEL

## ATTENDEES

APDC members

## AGENDA

- Prepare for candidate forum with Hallie and Ethan on Feb 15. Brainstorm questions for the forum.
- DPA Leaders Call - who is our party manager for voter data (VAN)- training coming up in April(?)
- Consider changing meeting platform - google meet? Email members with the link? Or host Intro to Discord sessions.
- Update: Banking information. Should we choose a new bank?
- Candidate tip / question of the week / social media posts
- Review responses in Google Form sent to counties / auxiliaries, if any. Should we submit the central Arkansas groups we know of?
- Items for table on Feb 28 event. Coordinate with other auxiliaries.
- Lonoke county campaign funding amendment update, if any
- Post about monthly meeting on 2/22 - agenda (bylaws vote, what else?)

### Upcoming actions:

- **Sun. Feb. 15:** Candidate Forum with Hallie Shoffner. Asking members to submit questions for forum to [arprogressivedems@gmail.com](mailto:arprogressivedems@gmail.com). More info on the [APDC Google Calendar](#). Link to register for [Candidate Forum on Zoom](#).
- **Location and time tbd:** Community action against ICE training. Date and location given after registration. [Link to register](#)
- **Feb. 17:** March for Impeachment
- **Sat. Feb. 28:** Big volunteer canvassing push for District 70 candidate Alex Holladay; canvassing events happening every Saturday until Feb. 28. Can also sign up for [postcard writing](#) (postcards are supplied and must be completed by 2/15) and [sign-waving on election day](#)

- **Sat. Feb. 28** [protest](#) at 12 p.m. hosted by 50501. March to GOP building and back.
- **March 28:** [No Kings March in Little Rock](#)
- **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.
- **Anytime:** [Stand with Minnesota support](#)

## NOTES

Candidate Forum: Moderator says best practices: Need very specific questions answered - time is limited. May only have time for 3 questions. We weren't going to take any questions during the event, must be submitted beforehand. Need to introduce the caucus and explain you're hosting it. Brief intros, 15 mins gone. Decide how to open and close, then that's how much time you have. Suggestion to end forum with request for donations for caucuses. Push website and sign up information. Ask about SNAP.

Ask Why are you running? Pro union, pro worker caucus, lead into asking about the PRO Act and if they support it. SNAP, Gaza, then impeachment. But be watching for time.

Statistics: 58 members signed up for website, 315% site sessions in the past 7 days on our website. Social media up 228% views on FB and up 383% on FB interactions; Instagram up on interactions from followers, down on overall content interaction reach. Email campaign for weekly meeting on 2/8. Click rate of 18.4% (this is good); click rate of around 18% on next meeting agenda.

Emails limited by website platform's free version - Upgrade to 500 emails for \$10 per month

Banking info: Need to pick another bank - AFCU has too many hurdles to jump through. One with several branches in Arkansas. Suggesting ARvest bank. Move that we use ARvest as our bank. Tish to check with Arvest this week.

VAN - have to pay for VAN access - we don't currently have access.

Monthly meeting - bylaws vote, update from candidate forum, grievance policy.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Decide on top 3 to 4 questions for candidate forum. Put together top 3 questions - then add two more. Then moderator can handle the rest. Opening, closing and then chat content. Put in the general chat for people to vote on
2. DONE: Text Ethan and get a better email address. We need him to register for the forum on Zoom. Text him the link to sign up. Ask who his campaign manager is and how we get ahold of them.
3. T.M. is reaching out to the DPA about VAN access and training in April. L.C. to reach out for how we got the data in the past. Daniel Parker.
4. Social media post about the google form. M.T. can write the copy. We could submit some to the list ourselves.
5. Question of the Week: Should minors be protected by the same constitutional right to assemble that adults enjoy?
6. Candidate Tip: As a candidate you should be providing communities with info about how to find mutual aid in these trying times. M.T. can meld with Google Form info.
7. T.M. can print the stickers and deliver to Hot Springs this weekend. L.C. can pick up. M.T. Can print membership cards - let's do 150 cards.
8. Feb. 28: Stickers and membership cards to be mailed for new members. Going to buy a book of stamps. Need a QR to scan to sign up for membership to go on table. Sign up for socials. M.T. to print two of them to tape to table.
9. Done: Send email for caucuses to invite to Feb. 28 event. Would like two tables for multiple auxiliaries.
10. Add discussion for March 14 DPA meeting to weekly APD meeting agenda in March
11. Ask about sharing Zoom account

