

Virtual General Meeting Hosted on Zoom Until Further Notice.

Topic: BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: May 24, 2021, 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

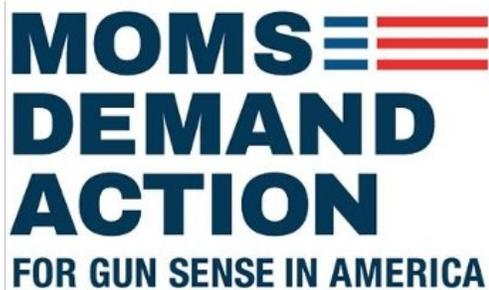
[Register, Get Link, & Join Meeting](#)

by registering in advance you help us take attendance more easily and accurately.

Our May Speaker

Amy Gillespie, Chapter Leader
Moms Demand Action

Amy volunteers as chapter leader for the Arkansas Chapter of Moms Demand Action. She is a teacher and mother of two. Amy got involved in the movement to end gun violence after the shooting at **Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.**



The President's Memo

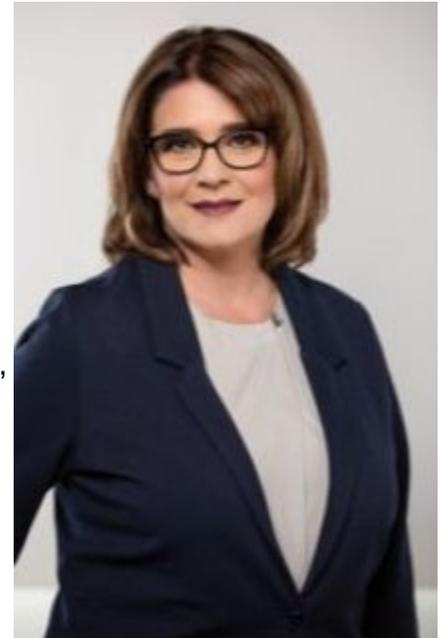
We are honored to hear from a Moms Demand Action representative at our online meeting this month:

Arkansas Moms Demand Action will be honoring National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 4, followed by #WearOrange weekend.

Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015—what would have been Hadiya Pendleton's 18th birthday. It began with teenagers in Chicago, who wanted to honor their friend, Hadiya, after she was shot and killed. Today, Wear Orange honors Hadiya and the more than 100 Americans shot and killed every day, as well as the hundreds more who are wounded.

We Wear Orange to demand a future free from gun violence. Orange symbolizes the value of each person's life. So we wear it to honor those taken and wounded by gun violence. It also is an outward sign of our call for an end to this crisis.

Arkansas will participate in a social media blitz on Saturday, June 5 at @MomsDemandActionAR on Facebook. We will share survivor stories, feature community partners, and share ways you can honor with action. Learn more at [WearOrange.org](https://www.wearorange.org).



We've Missed You

BC Dems is preparing to have our **first in-person meeting in June at the Golden Corral!**

Per newly revised CDC recommendations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>), if you are fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 and feel comfortable about attending our June meeting in person, we look forward to seeing you. For those unvaccinated or wanting to remain virtual, we will be offering a zoom connection to join.

Onwards,
President

Julia K. Bailey

Julia K Bailey
May 16, 2021

Board News

Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee is seeking expressions of interest in becoming a BC Dems Board member for 2022. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Chair. If interested, contact Walter Hinojosa tuhats@sbcglobal.net.

Mark Your Calendar!

The BC Dems will hold its general meeting at the **Golden Corral in Rogers on June 28, 2021.**



In coordination with the restaurant, we will be applying and observing all the Covid safety protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact either [Julia Bailey](#) or [David Bernstein](#)

BLUE BOWLS



Go Ahead! Click or tap on the beautiful blue bowl image right here.

Stuff a few dollars into the virtual blue bowl. Believe it or not, your dollars are used during both **off-election and election years** to support Democratic candidates for office within Arkansas.

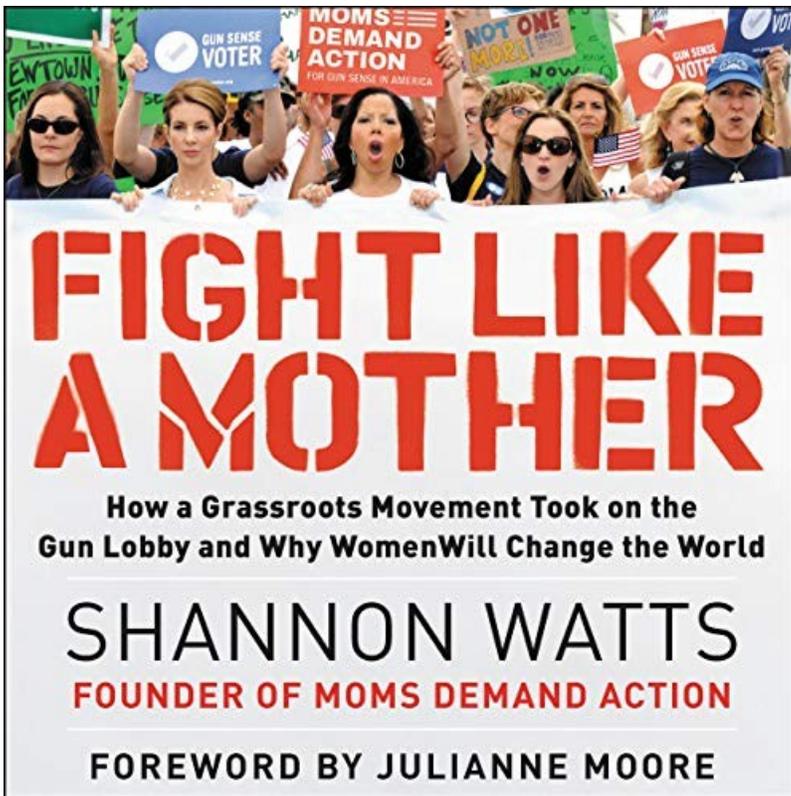
We only ask for a contribution of \$5 or more to offset those unavoidable transaction fees.

May Book Recommendation

Fight Like a Mother: How a Grassroots Movement Took on the Gun Lobby and Why Women Will Change the World

Book by Shannon Watts

Shannon Watts was a stay-at-home mom folding laundry when news of the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary flashed across the television screen. In one moment, she went from outrage to connect with other frustrated parents grew into Moms Demand Action, a national movement with millions of supporters and a powerful grassroots network of local chapters in all 50 states. Shannon has been called "the NRA's worst nightmare"—and her army of moms have bravely gone up against the gun lobby, showing up in their signature red shirts, blocking the hallways of congress with their strollers, electing gun sense candidates and running for office themselves, proving that if the 80 million moms in this country come together, they can put an end to gun violence.



Fight Like a Mother is the incredible account how one mother's cry for change became the driving force behind gun safety progress. Along with stories of perseverance, courage, and compassion, Watts shines a light on the unique power of women—starting with what they have, leading with their maternal strengths, and doubling down instead of backing down. While not everyone can be on the front lines lobbying congress, every mom is already a multi-tasking organizer, and Shannon explains how to go from amateur activist to having a real impact in your community and beyond. Fight Like a Mother will inspire everyone—mothers and fathers, students and teachers, lawmakers, and anyone motivated to enact change—to get to work transforming hearts and minds, and passing laws that save lives.

General Meeting Minutes

Benton County Dems General Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Virtual Meeting Monday, April 26, 2021

- I. Attendee (21 attendees including 1 speaker)
- II. Call to order by President Julia Kilbourne Bailey at 12:02
- III. Welcome and announcements.
 - A. Please remember to renew your membership—Go to BC Dems Webpage and click on renew.
 - B. Ramping up for 2022: Don't forget the Blue Bowl contributions can also be given through the BC Dems Webpage.
- IV. Speaker--Patrick Kinnamon, President, Founder MakerMade LLC, <https://makermade.com/>; Advocate for Citizen Climate Lobby <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>
 - A. Biography
 1. Moved to Bentonville to begin MakerMade, a community for makers, DIYers, and hobbyists.
 2. Brings creative projects to life with tools and project files designed by makers around the world including CNC Machines and 3-D Printing.
 - B. Advocates changing the thinking paradigm around climate change
 1. Old zero-sum climate conversation no longer applies, climate change needs immediate action – We have a narrow time line before changes become critical to life on earth.
 2. Businesses should call for legislative changes to protect their own market
 3. Show an economic advantage to consumers to get them to lobby legislators for change
 4. Consider which regulations will become obsolete that we could use as a trade for
 5. Propose: Carbon Fee and Dividend structure
 6. COVID 19 has shown the vulnerability of our economic system
 7. To move legislation CCL focuses on promoting climate change legislation to grow the economy by incentivizing carbon reduction and disincentivizing carbon production
 8. Government would create carbon excessive penalties per ton CO2 emitted – goal 40% reduction
 - a. Companies pass penalty fees on to consumer
 - b. Government pays as monthly dividend back into the pocket of the consumer
 - c. IRS has ability to send these payments (as seen in stimulus checks)
 9. Benefits
 - a. Families of 4 annually add \$4400 annual incremental benefit
 - b. Very wealthy will see increase because of economic growth from added monthly income
 - c. Market based vs. regulatory based
 - d. Oil and gas need to do what is LEAST detrimental to their businesses
 - C. Citizens Climate Lobby has 466 groups, 170,000+ supporters; Weekly discussion groups available; Contact <http://www.energyinnovationact.org> and <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>
- V. Business
 - A. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
 1. Report posted on Webpage and sent out in newsletter –

2. No questions
3. Eunice moved / Joel seconded / passed unanimously

B. Acceptance of April Minutes—

1. Minutes posted on Webpage and Newsletter
2. No questions
3. Tim moved / Walter seconded / passed unanimously

C. Announcements

1. June 28 meeting will be a hybrid: In-person at Golden Corral for those vaccinated / must sign up so we can set up to meet restrictions ALSO Meeting will be broadcast via Zoom link.
2. The Nominating Committee needs candidates for 2022 Secretary and Treasure interesting or willing, please contact Walter Hinojosa at tuhats@sbcglobal.net, text him at 512-940-2006 or Stan Fure at sdfure@sbcglobal.net
3. Connie Hoffman discussed 8 Bills on the Governor's desk or coming up for Committee limiting voting rights – Write or call representatives
 - a. Contact Citizen's First Congress <https://www.citizensfirst.org/>
 - b. Arkansas League of Women Voters <https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-arkansas>
 - c. Connie plans to have voter registration drive-throughs again and go to schools Hoffman. connie@gmail.com

VI.Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. Connie moved / Walter seconded / passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ostas

Treasurer's Summary

April 2021

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



Beginning Balance:

\$2,591.06

INCOME:

Dues

Blue Bowls

EXPENSES:

Total Income:

\$-0- Total Expenses:

\$-0-

Ending Balance:

\$2,591.06

2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

Position

President

Vice President

Membership Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Social Media Chair

Publicity Chair

Communications Chair & Events

Coordinator

Name

Julia K Bailey

David Bernstein

Vacant

Deb Ostas

Tim Boyer

Joel Ewing

Catherine Deeley

Anna Knecht