

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF GUILFORD COUNTY

September 6, 2018

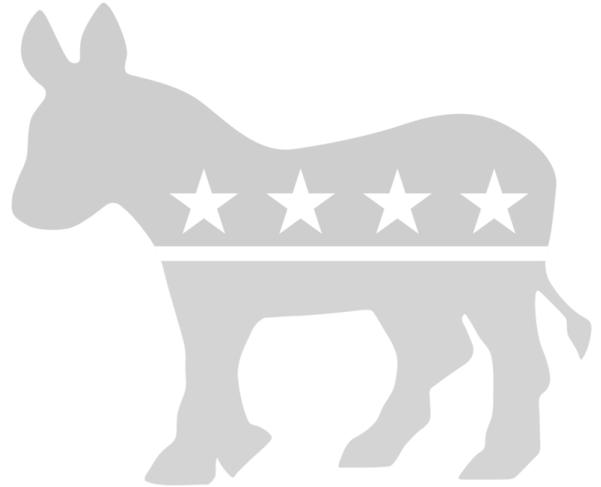
Social 6 p.m.

Program and Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Guilford County Democratic Headquarters

2300 West Meadowview Road, Suite 110

Greensboro, NC 27407



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Justice and courtesy for all. | One thing at a time.

The rule of the majority. | The rights of the minority.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order and approval of September Membership Meeting Agenda

Sarah Jane Otte, President

*3 minutes | **Vote to approve***

2. Thank you to Hospitality Committee

Sarah Jane Otte, President

1 minute

3. Thank you to Potluck Chairs

Sarah Jane Otte, President

1 minute

4. Program: Canvassing

Introduction by Connie Tyre

Program on canvassing led by Lisa Hitch of Indivisible Guilford County (20 minutes).

25 minutes

5. Committees

Sarah Jane Otte, President

Thank you to Carolyn Bunker, who will serve as Spring Banquet Chair. | Seeking chairs for February Membership Soup Bash. | Seeking chairs for Spring Banquet auction.

3 minutes

6. Membership Chair report

Sarah Jane Otte, President, with Judy Shaw, Membership Chair

As of August 16, 2018, the DWGC had 217 members (194 female, 23 male). | If any of your information has changed, please notify Judy at jashaw1991@gmail.com. | New member dues are \$10 for the rest of the year.

3 minutes

7. Treasurer's report

Sarah Jane Otte, President, with Connie Tyre, Treasurer

See attached report.

*3 minutes | **Vote to approve August financial report***

8. Correspondence

Sarah Jane Otte, President, with Jo Isler, Correspondence Chair

Please send information to Jo at perpelone@gmail.com by September 23rd to have it included in the October Newsletter. | Please also email Jo if you know of a member who has suffered a loss or severe illness, so the organization can reach out.

3 minutes

9. July Membership Meeting minutes

Sarah Jane Otte, President, with Sangeetha Shivaji, Recording Secretary

See attached minutes. | Information about upcoming DWGC programs, previous month's agendas and meeting minutes, and past newsletters are available at www.guilforddems.org/dwgc.

*3 minutes | **Vote to approve July Membership Meeting minutes***

10. Recognition of past and current elected and appointed officials, and candidates

Sarah Jane Otte, President

1 minute

11. Candidate presentations

2 minutes each

12. Upcoming Membership Meetings and Programs

Sarah Jane Otte, President, with Bobby Crane, First Chair

DWGC meetings will be at Guilford County Democratic Party Headquarters and will be held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. | **October 4 – Meet and Greet** with the candidates. | **November 1 – “Opioid Crisis”** program. | **December 9 – Holiday Party** hosted by the Honorable Kay Cashion. | **January 10 – County Commissioners** program. | **February – Membership Soup Bash.** | **March 7 – “Racial Equity”** program. | **April 4 – “Guilford County State of the Union”** program. | **May 2 – President's banquet.**

3 minutes

13. Donations Committee

Sarah Jane Otte, President

Call for motion to allot funds to support Democratic candidates in North Carolina.

*5 minutes | **Vote to approve***

Call for motion to approve Donations Committee plan for fund distribution.

*10 minutes | **Vote to approve***

14. Other Business

Sarah Jane Otte, President

Call for volunteers for Greensboro Pride GCDP booth and A Day in the Park in High Point GCDP booth on September 15. Contact Bess Lewis at GCDP headquarters to volunteer.

*5 minutes | **Potential vote***

15. Business meeting adjourns

Sarah Jane Otte, President

1 minute

16. Reflection and discussion

DWGC membership

Members are welcome to offer comments and questions about the day's program content for group discussion.

10 minutes

AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

DWGC Financial Report As of August 15, 2018

Account Balance, as of July 8, 2018 **\$12,384.29**

Revenue

Membership dues \$190.00

Donations \$35.00

Potluck Raffle \$62.00

Total Revenue **\$287.00**

Expenditures

DWNC Membership dues \$96.00

August Potluck Postcards \$61.11

Office Supplies \$53.46

Square Fee \$00.28

DWNC Star Nom/Dinner \$150.00

Hospitality Supplies \$48.27

DWNC Convention for President \$155.00

Total Expenditures **\$564.12**

Account Balance, as of August 15, 2018 **\$12,107.17**

JULY 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

President Sarah Jane Otte called the meeting to order. A **motion to approve the agenda** was seconded and passed at 6:30 p.m.

Otte introduced a **change in meeting format**. After the close of the business meeting, we are setting aside a ten-minute period for DWGC member reflection and discussion about the evening's program. We're also trying out a suggestion box, which members can find near the refreshments table.

Barbara Carter discussed the **August Potluck**, which will take place on Thursday, August 2nd. "Save the Date" postcards have gone out. The DWGC needs people help with setup in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m and people to work kitchen cleanup, which will be coordinated by Pam Leek. The DWGC needs someone to coordinate the buffet room, someone to coordinate the main room, and someone to coordinate room cleanup. The DWGC also needs someone to manage drinks and ice during the serving period and volunteers to bring supplies. Members can contact Barbara about these items by email or phone.

Mary Bell-Hemingway introduced **the Honorable Harold T. Jarrell, Jr.** who conducted the evening's twenty-minute program on the **North Carolina Judicial System**. Judge Jarrell was appointed by Jim Hunt in 1999, and has been a district judge since. This year, Jarrell, the chief district court judge and president of the NC District Court Judges Association, is running unopposed.

Guilford County votes on 14 district court judges. Every voter in the county gets to vote on each position. However, the legislature is trying to change that by gerrymandering Guilford County into two sections that elect 5 and 7 judges respectively.

Guilford County will also vote on three superior court positions in November. One Democrat judge is running unopposed for the first seat. Two Democrat district court judges – Cummings and Cubbage – are running for the second seat. And Wood, who was appointed by Roy Cooper, is running against a Republican opponent for the final seat.

Guilford County's 14 district court judges run 16 courts, including juvenile drug court, adult drug court, and mental health court. They handle 97% of cases that reach adjudication. The juvenile drug court has the highest rate of success.

The first drug court in Greensboro began in 2001, with funding from the state. It was one of the first in the state. By 2009, there were six drug courts, but then the legislature cut funding. When it looked like they would have to be discontinued, Judge Jarrell recounted that they received a call from County Commissioner Kay Cashion – Guilford County had decided to take over the funding of the drug courts.

Judge Jarrell praised Representative Pricey Harrison and Senator Gladys Robinson as best friends to the bench, who have been able to reach across the aisle and get maps made that kept all the judges on the bench.

Guilford County is number one on the needs list for more district judges. The county handles the third largest case load in the state. This need was used as a bargaining tool when the legislature tried to get support for the gerrymandered maps, but Judge Jarrell held firm because they were not fair.

Judge Jarrell discussed the six constitutional amendments on November's ballot. To get on the ballot, they required three-fifths support from the legislature. A majority public vote will allow them to pass.

The intention behind the amendments is to drive conservative voters to the polls in a non-presidential election year. The right to hunt and fish amendment protects rights that are not currently threatened. The rights for victims of crime amendment adds nothing to existing constitutional rights. The amendment creating a bipartisan board of state elections is an attempt to wrest power from Governor Cooper. The nonpartisan merit-based system of judicial selection amendment would allow Senate and House to select committee members and thus appoint majority party judges. The cap on income tax amendment and the voter ID amendment also target conservative voters.

Judge Jarrell stressed the importance of going all the way down the ballot – judicial candidates are at the bottom!

Otte recognized **past and current elected and appointed officials** at the meeting, as well as candidates. **Candidates were given two minutes each to address the DWGC membership.**

Otte, presented the **June minutes** with Recording Secretary Sangeetha Shivaji. The minutes were accepted by the membership through a vote at 7:23 p.m.

Otte, with First Chair Bobby Crane, discussed **upcoming membership meetings and programs**, including the August 2nd potluck at Congregation United Church of Christ at 400 Radiance Drive, the September 6th "Canvassing" program with Lisa Hitch of Indivisible Greensboro, and the October 4th meet and greet with the candidates.

Former DWGC Treasurer Candice Greig presented the **June financial report**. The report was accepted by the membership through a vote at 7:25 p.m.

Otte, with Membership Chair Judy Shaw, discussed **membership** numbers. There were 208 total members, 179 female and 19 male. If any members' information has changed, please notify Judy at jashaw1991@gmail.com. New member dues are \$10 for the rest of the year.

Otte, with Correspondence Chair Jo Isler, asked that information for the September **newsletter** be submitted to Isler at perpelone@gmail.com by August 26th. Please email Isler at perpelone@gmail.com **if you know of a member who has suffered a loss or severe illness**, so the organization can reach out.

Otte thanked all who brought food and helped and thanked our new **hospitality** chair, Dorothy Collins.

Otte asked for volunteers to chair February's **Membership Soup Bash**.

Upcoming DWGC meetings will be at Guilford County Democratic Party Headquarters and will be held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

August 2 – Potluck at Congregation United Church of Christ at 400 Radiance Drive

September 6 – “Canvassing” program with Lisa Hitch of Indivisible Greensboro
October 4 – Meet and greet with the candidates
November 1 – “Opioid Crisis” program
December – Holiday Party hosted by the Honorable Kay Cashion
January 10 – “Taxation” and/or Commissioners program
February – Membership soup bash
March 7 – “Racial Equity” program
April 4 – “Guilford County State of the Union” program
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Otte reminded the membership that **STAR nominations** will be accepted through July 30th.

The membership discussed a potential DWGC press release opposing Charlotte’s bid to host the Republican National Convention in 2020. Ultimately, the membership agreed on a **public statement of support of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County statement about Charlotte RNC bid**. The vote on this issue took place at 7:38 p.m.

Byron Gladden spoke about Board of Elections early voting decisions and encouraged membership to **reach out to Board of Elections appointees and attend the coming meeting** on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Board of Elections.

Otte called for a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. The motion passed at 7:40 p.m.