

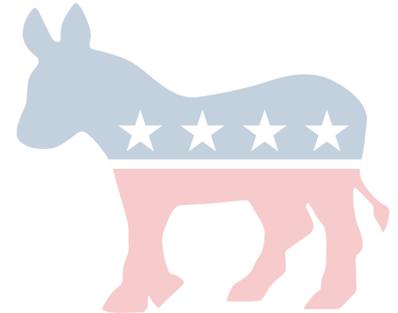
# DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF GUILFORD COUNTY

November 8, 2018

Social 6:00 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.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

**1. Opioid Epidemic Program | 30 minutes**

*Stephen Sills and Chase Holleman*

The Guilford County Solution to the Opioid Problem is a rapid response program to decrease mortality from opioid overdoses. Program leaders Dr. Stephen Sills and Mr. Chase Holleman will discuss the opioid epidemic and share lessons from the GCSTOP program's first year.

**2. Call to order and approval of November Membership Meeting Agenda | 2 minutes | *Vote* to approve**

*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**3. Thank you to Hospitality Committee | 2 minutes**

*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**4. Membership Chair report | 4 minutes**

*Judy Shaw, Membership Chair*

**5. Treasurer's report | 4 minutes | *Vote* to approve**

*Connie Tyre, Treasurer*

See attached for the September and October 2018 Financial Reports.

**6. Correspondence | 4 minutes**

*Jo Isler, Correspondence Chair*

Please send information to Jo at [perpelone@gmail.com](mailto:perpelone@gmail.com) by December 28<sup>th</sup> to have it included in the January 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.

**7. Previous Membership Meeting Minutes** | 4 minutes | **Vote** to approve  
*Sangeetha Shivaji, Recording Secretary*

See attached for the September 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes. (We cancelled the official October 2018 Membership Meeting, to allow the Meet the Candidates program to run longer.) Information about upcoming DWGC programs, previous month's agendas and meeting minutes, and past newsletters are available at [www.guilforddems.org/dwgc](http://www.guilforddems.org/dwgc).

**8. Recognition of past and current elected and appointed officials** | 2 minutes  
*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**9. Upcoming Membership Meetings and Programs** | 2 minutes  
*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**December 9 – Holiday Party** hosted by the Honorable Skip Alston at 5 p.m. | Would you like to bring a dessert? Let us know by emailing Judy Shaw at [jashaw1991@gmail.com](mailto:jashaw1991@gmail.com) or texting her at 540.915.9008. | Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. If you would like to purchase your ticket with a credit card, you may do so at the November DWGC meeting.

**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.**

**10. Upcoming Events** | 5 minutes  
*Connie, Treasurer*

The DWGC typically hosts a holiday party, two potlucks, and the Spring Banquet each year. We are interested in exploring our options for venues. If members have thoughts, please contact Connie. | We are seeking chairs for the Spring Banquet and the Spring Banquet Silent Auction.

**11. Other Business** | 10 minutes  
*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**12. Adjourn** | 1 minute | **Vote**  
*Sarah Jane Otte, President*

**DWGC FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

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

**Revenue**

Membership dues	\$230.00
Donations	\$40.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

**Expenditures**

Campaign Donations to the Candidates	\$6,825.00
DWNC Membership dues	\$96.00
August Potluck Reimbursement	\$159.84
DWNC Convention Hotel & Gas for President	\$441.74
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,522.58</b>

**Account Balance, as of September 25, 2018** **\$4,584.59**

**DWGC FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2018**

**Account Balance, as of September 25, 2018** **\$4,584.59**

**Revenue**

Membership dues	\$100.00
Donations	\$30.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

**Expenditures**

DWNC Membership dues	\$32.00
Hospitality Supplies	\$40.00
GCDP Unity Dinner Sponsorship	\$1,575.00
Square Fee	\$00.28
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,647.28</b>

**Account Balance, as of September 25, 2018** **\$3,067.31**

## DWGC SEPTEMBER 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sarah Jane Otte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the membership voted to approve the meeting agenda at 6:32.

Otte thanked the hospitality committee and committee chair Dorothy Collins. Collins introduced herself to the membership and thanked the committee's volunteers.

Otte also thanked the fall potluck chairs, Barbara Carter and B.J. Gerald-Covington.

Connie Tyre introduced Lisa Hitch of Indivisible Guilford County, who conducted the evening's program on Canvassing.

Hitch provided an introduction to Indivisible Guilford, which formed in 2017 to resist the Trump agenda, using the Tea Party playbook as its model.

The organization takes part in daily calls to Congress, town halls, and protests, and aims to promote and preserve a national progressive agenda. The organization has a resistance phase, which involves putting pressure on elected officials in nonelection years, and a replacement phase, which involves replacing regressive candidates in election years.

Indivisible Guilford is nonpartisan but believes electing Democrats is the way to go in 2018 to restore the checks and balances in our system. Democratic candidates regularly join Indivisible Guilford canvassers as they knock on doors. Canvassers also connect with precinct chairs in the neighborhoods they canvas.

In terms of action, Hitch says canvassing has the best return on investment. People prefer face-to-face interactions, and interactions with volunteers build trust more than interactions with paid staffers.

Indivisible Guilford is covering District 13 and District 6, and holds canvassing events on Saturdays and Sundays with meetings in High Point and Greensboro. Thirty minutes of training are provided before each canvass, so volunteers do not need experience.

The organization uses a three-pronged approach when canvassing: 1) encouraging voting and registration, 2) encouraging up and down ballot voting for Democrats, and 3) encouraging precinct organization and involvement.

The organization conducts non-targeted canvassing – they knock on every door regardless of party or registration status. Their first goal is getting a commitment to vote. They use a warm approach, establishing like-mindedness, particularly in areas where people tend to feel that their voices don't matter. Canvassers try to really listen to people they engage and refrain from providing too much information until rapport is established. They also heavily encourage early voting.

Over the course of canvassing, the organization has found that many people have been purged from voter rolls for reasons unknown, even some who have voted in every election and who have lived in their home for a long period of time. Many people think they are registered, and they are not.

The organization has also found that in several instances voter registration cards did not make it to the person who registered because their name was not listed at their new address in postal service records. Indivisible Guilford canvassers are now carrying postal service change of address cards as well and submitting filled out cards to the post office.

In one precinct alone, Indivisible Guilford found that seven people they had registered appeared in the Board of Elections voter database and then were pulled back out for reasons unknown. The organization is encouraging everyone to double check their status in the Board of Elections voter database.

The organization has found that many of the people they canvass do not know that an election is coming up. Since many of the people they canvass have problems with the President, canvassers educate them on congressional power and how this election can add checks and balances on what the President can do.

After October 12<sup>th</sup>, the voter registration deadline, the organization will switch to targeted canvassing of registered voters.

Hitch's tips for canvassing include:

- bring slate cards
- bring voter registration cards
- evening canvasses are much more productive because people are home
- pair up so one person can talk and one can enter data
- dress comfortably and hydrate
- be prepared to use the Board of Elections voter database site
- bring change of address cards
- establish like-mindedness
- if there is not like-mindedness, don't argue – politely thank them and move on
- converse – don't talk at people
- don't wear sunglasses
- allow people to speak and lead on issue conversations
- don't walk on lawns
- don't cop knock or knock loudly; don't knock too many times
- step back when someone opens the door to be less intrusive
- verify all phone numbers and get email addresses too (Vote Builder numbers are often incorrect)
- don't ask if someone is a citizen
- hang things on doors if no one is home
- don't put things in mailboxes – that's illegal

Judy Shaw presented the membership chair report. Prior to the meeting the DWGC included 228 members, and seven more joined at the September meeting. If any of your information has changed, please notify Judy at [jashaw1991@gmail.com](mailto:jashaw1991@gmail.com). New member dues are \$10 for the rest of the year. New member emails will go to list for the GCDP weekly blast and monthly DWGC newsletter, unless members request otherwise.

Otte thanked Carolyn Bunker who volunteered to serve as the Spring Banquet Chair. The DWGC is seeking chairs for the February Membership Soup Bash and chairs for the Spring Banquet auction.

Connie Tyre presented the August 2018 financial report. She encouraged members to encourage others to join in 2019, to build our coffers for the 2020 election. The membership voted to approve the August financial report at 7:08pm.

Otte and Jo Isler asked the membership to send information to Jo at [perpelone@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Otte and Sangeetha Shivaji presented the July Membership Minutes. Information about upcoming DWGC programs, previous month's agendas and meeting minutes, and past newsletters are available at [www.guilforddems.org/dwgc](http://www.guilforddems.org/dwgc). The membership voted to approve the July Membership Meeting minutes at 7:09pm.

Otte recognized past and current elected and appointed officials in attendance, including Judge Linda Falls.

Candidate presented to the membership for 2 minutes each, including Khem Irby for the Guilford County Schools Board of Education, Desiree Best for the Guilford County Schools Board of Education, Danny Rogers for Guilford County Sherriff, Carlvina Foster for County Commissioner, and Greg Drumwright for Guilford County Schools Board of Education.

Otte and Bobby Crane discussed upcoming membership meetings and programs. DWGC meetings will be at Guilford County Democratic Party Headquarters and will be held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Otte presented the recommendations of the Donations Committee. There was a motion to allot funds to support Democratic candidates in North Carolina, which passed at 7:23 p.m. There was a motion to approve the Donations Committee's plan for fund distribution (see below), which passed at 7:26 p.m. There was a motion for any funds not successfully distributed to candidates to be donated to the county party, which passed at 7:28 p.m.

#### **DWGC CAMPAIGN DONATION PROPOSAL SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

Committee Members: Sarah Jane Otte, Mary Bell Hemingway, the Honorable Linda Falls, the Honorable Maggie Jeffus, Carolyn Bunker, Frieda Hirschberg

- Democratic candidates who will be running in the general election will receive donations from DWGV based upon the position for which they are running.
- Each federal level position is \$350.

- Each state level position is \$250.
- Each county level position is \$200 (with the exception of soil and water, due to the number of candidates and it being the first year we have ever donated to the race).
- An additional incentive of \$50 will be given to each candidate who is a member of Democratic Women of Guilford County.
- If more than one democratic candidate is running for the same position, then that position donation amount would be split evenly.
- Checks will be mailed to all eligible candidates. It is the candidate's responsibility to make sure the DWGC Treasurer, Connie Tyre, has the campaign name and a current and legible address to which donations can be sent.

Position Money	Position	Amount	Candidate Name	Member?	Member Bonus	Total Amount
\$350.00	US House of Representatives - District 6	\$350.00	Ryan Watts			\$350.00
\$350.00	US House of Representatives - District 13	\$350.00	Kathy Manning	Yes	\$50.00	\$400.00
\$250.00	State Senate - District 24	\$250.00	JD Wooten			\$250.00
\$250.00	State Senate - District 26	\$250.00	Bill McCaskill			\$250.00
\$250.00	State Senate - District 27	\$250.00	Michael Garrett	Yes	\$50.00	\$300.00
\$250.00	State Senate - District 28	\$250.00	Gladys Robinson	Yes	\$50.00	\$300.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 57	\$250.00	Ashton Clemmons	Yes	\$50.00	\$300.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 58	\$250.00	Amos Quick			\$250.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 59	\$250.00	Steven Buccini	Yes	\$50.00	\$300.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 60	\$250.00	Cecil Brockman			\$250.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 61	\$250.00	Pricey Harrison			\$250.00
\$250.00	State House of Representatives - District 62	\$250.00	Martha Shafer	Yes	\$50.00	\$300.00
Unopposed	District Attorney		Avery Crump	Yes		\$0.00
Unopposed	Clerk of Superior Court		Lisa Johnson-Tonkins	Yes		\$0.00
\$200.00	Sheriff	\$200.00	Danny Rogers	Yes	\$50.00	\$250.00
Unopposed	County Commissioner - At-Large		Kay Cashion	Yes		\$0.00
Unopposed	County Commissioner - District 1		Carlvena Foster	Yes		\$0.00
\$200.00	County Commissioner - District 3	\$200.00	Tracy Lamothe	Yes	\$50.00	\$250.00
Unopposed	County Commissioner - District 7		Carolyn Coleman			\$0.00
Unopposed	County Commissioner - District 8		Skip Alston			\$0.00
\$200.00	Board of Education - At-Large	\$200.00	Winston McGregor			\$200.00
\$200.00	Board of Education - District 2	\$200.00	Greg Drumwright	Yes	\$50.00	\$250.00
\$200.00	Board of Education - District 4	\$200.00	Desiree Best	Yes	\$50.00	\$250.00
\$200.00	Board of Education - District 6	\$200.00	Khem Irby	Yes	\$50.00	\$250.00
Unopposed	Board of Education - District 8		Deena Hayes			\$0.00
\$250.00	NC Supreme Court, Associate Justice	\$250.00	Anita Earls			\$250.00
\$250.00	NC Court of Appeals, Seat 1	\$250.00	John Arrowood			\$250.00
\$250.00	NC Court of Appeals, Seat 2	\$250.00	Toby Hampson			\$250.00
\$250.00	NC Court of Appeals, Seat 3	\$250.00	Allegra Collins			\$250.00
\$250.00	NC Superior Court Judge 18A	\$125.00	Lora Cabbage	Yes	\$50.00	\$175.00
		\$125.00	Mark Cummings			\$125.00
\$250.00	NC Superior Court Judge 18D	\$125.00	Gavin Reardon			\$125.00
		\$125.00	Bill Wood	Yes	\$50.00	\$175.00
Unopposed	NC District Court Seat 1		Tom Jarrell			\$0.00
\$250.00	NC District Court Seat 2	\$250.00	Larry Archie			\$250.00
\$125.00	Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor	\$25.00	Lewis Brandon			\$25.00
		\$25.00	Andy Courts			\$25.00
		\$25.00	Dave Crawford			\$25.00
		\$25.00	Kirk Perkins			\$25.00
		\$25.00	Michael Washington			\$25.00
					<b>Candidates Total</b>	<b>\$6,925.00</b>
					<b>Donated to Party</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>
					<b>Total Donated</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>

Otte opened the floor for new business.

There was a call for volunteers for GCDP booths at Greensboro Pride and A Day in the Park in High Point on September 15.

Jack Lewis, husband of DWGC member Joyce Lewis, had surgery recently, so please keep them in your thoughts.

Payton McGarry of Break the Majority addressed the membership. He described coming out as a transgender man at 16 years old, being bullied, having unsupportive parents, and eventually being homeless in a conservative town, sleeping on friends' couches. McGarry went to college and has now graduated with an economics degree. While in college, at 20 years old, he sued the government to fight for transgender protection. He told the membership he was describing how he stood up and fought because he was there asking members to stand up and fight back too.

Connie Tyre talked about Administrative Work Day, where volunteers come to headquarters and help Democratic candidate sby stuffing envelopes, making canvassing packets, and more. She said the administrative work days are particular helpful to local candidates who don't have a lot of funds, and are fun event with likeminded people. She also mentioned an upcoming potluck picnic for Democratic candidates and supporters as a great opportunity to meet candidates like Kathy Manning, Ryan Watts, and more.

A precinct G63 member is looking for someone to make calls with them.

Carolyn Bunker said a Precinct H24 member is looking for people in High Point who can help take seniors to doctor appointments.

Several precincts will be hosting candidates and forums over the coming month.

Felita Donnell is chairing the Unity Dinner on September 29<sup>th</sup> and invited members and others to join the GCDP by purchasing a ticket. If you can't attend, she asked that you consider being a sponsor.

Khem Irby will be hosting a community event on Sept 27th.

There will be a town hall meeting on education on October 11th at Williams Memorial CME church.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting passed at 7:46 p.m.