

**GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BOARD MEETING OF THE OFFICERS**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2017

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The Guilford County Democratic Party Officers held a meeting to approve minutes and budget, hear officers' reports, plus old and new business.

PRESENT: Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick, 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs, Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin, High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, Secretary Beverly Bard, by Skype Democratic Women President Carolyn Bunker, Proxy for President Terry Mitchell of Senior Democrats Joan Bass, President Progressive Caucus Larry Cormier

Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:37 PM.

Rural Chair Leslie Martin recorded minutes of November meeting and will send out to Board Members for approval.

Chair Nicole Ward Quick made motion to approve the agenda and High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown 2nd.

Motion passed.

Chair Nicole Ward Quick informed of illness of President Senior Democrats Terry Mitchell, and updated her work status report.

Treasurer James Bowles emailed the Treasurer's Report to Board members and to be approved at next Board meeting.

CHAIR NICOLE WARD QUICK REPORT

- A. Greensboro Vice Chair Heidi Fleshman resigned on December 7, 2017. Deputy Executor Doug Wilson will be consulted going forward.
- B. 13th District Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for January 6th at 10:00 A.M. at Rowan County Democratic Party Headquarters. New District Chair will be elected.
- C. Prodigal Child Project registered Alabama citizens to vote who have finished felony fines and prison terms. The project is just getting started in North Carolina.
- D. Strategic Planning discussed.
- E. Organization of Hispanic Caucus discussed.
- F. State Executive Committee meeting in Sanford is on January 27th, 2018
- G. Precinct meeting dates are from February 5- 19, 2018. Discussed organization to start end of December, beginning of January.
- H. Candidate filing for Primary of 2018 is February 12-28, 2018. Chair Nicole shared tentative schedule of events:
 - Century Club Letter mailing end of January or beginning February
 - Precinct Reports into Votebuilder
 - Chairman's Legislative Breakfast tentative March 17, 2018
 - County Convention March 24 or 31 when delegates to District and State are elected and resolutions submitted by precincts are voted on
 - Input delegates to district and state conventions, forward final/approved resolutions report to district chairs immediately following County Convention
 - District Convention on May 5th, 2018 when resolutions submitted by counties in district are discussed/voted on, and state committee spots are filled
 - Primary Elections on May 8th
 - State Convention on June 9th, 2018 to discuss/vote on resolutions passed at District Convention.
 - Recruit Poll Observers/Greeters for General Election to start mid or late summer
 - Fun Fourth booth in July
 - Greensboro Pride & High Point Day in the Park booths in September
 - Unity Dinner in Fall of 2018
 - Recruit volunteers to put up candidate signs at polling locations (Stake the Polls) and organize one month before election. Bill Eckert delivered signs to High Point HQ and organized by polling location at Greensboro HQ. Bev Bard organized signs and recruited volunteers for High Point area polling locations.
 - Recruitment of Rides to Polls for GSO/HP/Rural starting one month before election. Cathy Kimel will recruit for GSO.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

GCDP 1ST Vice Chair Pam Stubbs reported that, in 2018, an action plan is needed for Get Out The Vote before the Primary.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown reported that he is expected to get surgery by the end of the year and he will be given 24 hour notice. High Point Vice Chair Joshua shared that Honorable Bruce Davis lost High Point Mayor by only 41 votes, after canvas count. Discussion followed about when to get precinct packets to organizers and what to include in the packets (Packets distributed beginning of January and include Democratic Women information along with other auxiliaries' information as an "Invitation to Join").

GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin reported that Precinct Orientations can be planned. Discussion followed about who can help with IT and CEC data. Phone bankers made about 44 calls and about 10% of calls made were answered. Chair Nicole Quick encouraged phone banking for precinct organization and shared that Mike Barnhill, of NC Democrats, is helping with phone banking.

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker reported about 150 attended the Holiday Party at Commissioner Kay Cashion's house. President Carolyn thanked everyone who helped. The January meeting will be on second Thursday January 11th with County Commissioners. The Sweetheart and Stars Party will be on Sunday, February 11nd at Donna and Robert Hodgman's house.

Progressive Caucus of Guilford County President Larry Cormier reported that the process of voting at their meetings is getting resolved and voting may be based on dues collected.

Joan Bass for Senior Democrats of Guilford County President Terry Mitchell reported that their Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 AM at Headquarters. They currently have about 75-80 members and about 30 were present at the last meeting. They are seeing many new faces at the meetings. Their membership meeting is in February and many membership forms have been sent out. Joan gave an update on their financial processes and responsibilities.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick for GCDP LGBT Caucus President Larry Eisenburg reported they extended the ID drive to the Trans Community.

GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard reported that the Issues Committee surveyed Democratic Women on issues of concern and top 2 are Health Care and getting Dems Elected. She encouraged spreading our Values of Fairness, Justice, and Truth when speaking to others about issues. Precincts H22, H09, H03, H01, H11, H05 had interest in being organized.

OLD BUSINESS

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick encouraged volunteer recruitment and discussed Volunteer Appreciation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board discussed date and location of next County Executive Committee meeting to elect Greensboro Vice Chair.
- B. Precinct Packets will be assembled and contents will be consistent.
- C. Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for recommendations for Chairs and Co-Chairs for 2018 events. IT experience is helpful.
- D. Board discussed a larger venue, date, time, and location for the Chair's Legislative Breakfast to accommodate a larger crowd for a main speaker such as John Lewis. Board discussed a Unity Dinner review to consider seating arrangements. Board discussed possibility of adding a lower cost event (Barbeque, Fish Fry) to compliment the higher cost event Unity Dinner.
- E. Board discussed cost, date, location, and speaker for County Convention. Easter weekend is March 31st so March 17th and March 24th were considered.
- F. Board discussed delegate elections and possible candidates for General Election to gain control of the Legislature.

Chair Nicole Ward Quick motioned to adjourn. High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

