

GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
OFFICERS MEETING

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2017

A meeting of the Guilford County Democratic Party officers was held to approve minutes and budget, presentation of officers' reports, updates, and new business.

PRESENT

Chair Nicole Ward Quick

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Pam Stubbs

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Jaime Brown

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Dillon Tyler

High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown

Secretary Beverly Bard

African-American Caucus President Felita Donnell

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker

LGBT Democrats of Guilford County President Larry Eisenberg

Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston

GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis

Observers: SEC member Lissa Harris; SEC member and Precinct Chair B.J. Gerald-Covington; SEC member, Minority Affairs and Board of Education Byron Gladden

The meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:36 p.m. She introduced herself as our new GCDP Chair and informed that she will be gone from June 14-21. Those present introduced themselves. Missing were GCDP Treasurer James Bowles, President Senior Democrats of Guilford County Terry Mitchell, Greensboro Vice Chair Heidi Fleshman, Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin.

County Executive Committee (CEC) meeting June 5 and GCDP officers meeting June 8 minutes were corrected and motion made by Joshua "Fox" Brown to approve minutes as corrected. Dillon Tyler seconded and motion passed.

TREASURER JAMES BOWLES REPORT

Treasurer was absent, so report will be given next meeting.

CHAIR NICOLE WARD QUICK REPORT

State Executive Committee Meeting (SEC) will be August 19<sup>th</sup>, in Richmond County Community College, Cole Auditorium, 1042 W. Hamlet Ave., Hamlet NC at 12:30 PM.

Sanford Hunt Frye Breakfast will precede the SEC meeting.

Breaking the Majority Statewide Training will be July 15 in Raleigh, NC.

State Unity Dinner will be July 15 at NC State University. No more details given yet.

Compliance Reports due July 28<sup>th</sup>. Will send James Bowles.

Guilford County Unity Dinner will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons. Unity Committee to meet on a theme. Pam Stubbs will be proxy for Chair Nicole at the meeting.

Municipal Candidate Filing begins July 7th and ends July 21<sup>st</sup>. The County Dashboard to be sorted by election/party and needs updated.

Chair Nicole said she will submit to State Executive Committee agenda to consider using runners-up of elections to serve as alternates/replacements for elected members, if needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

GCDP Executive Committee Organization pamphlet was discussed. Dillon Tyler 3<sup>rd</sup> VC will chair Communications. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick reviewed and will chair Strategic Planning. Ashton Wheeler is chair of Unity. 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Dillon Tyler will handle web-based fundraising. Margaret Arbuckle and Dot Kearns may be good contacts.

Votebuilder state trainer is Riley Calahan. Officers discussed the use of Votebuilder and who has access. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Dillon Tyler motioned to have Chair Nicole Quick negotiate with state (up to \$1100) the cost of using Votebuilder. President DWGC Carolyn Bunker amended motion to increase negotiation up to \$1125 or less and Chair Nicole Quick to have immediate access. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Jaime Brown offered to give training. Jaime seconds amended motion and amended motion passed.

GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis noted that Poll Observers are given training.

Chair Nicole Quick informed that we will amend/add as things come up.

Rural Chair Leslie Martin is heading up Tech/Data Committee as appointed by Chair.

Secretary Bev Bard asked to chair Issues & Advocacy Committee.

President DWGC Carolyn Bunker will mentor and co- chair Auxiliary Support and Outreach. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Pam Stubbs said a good idea for auxiliary presidents to take this to your meetings to consider being part of Auxiliary Support and Outreach.

Considered putting Messaging into Issues Committee and work with Strategic Planning.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Dillon shared Communications Committee Constitution and discussed. Chair Nicole Quick encouraged other committees to use as outline.

Discussed Twitter set up and if Emily Patterson Brown can set up. Executive Director Bess Lewis noted that oversight is needed. Agreement and more discussion followed about guidelines for Twitter and Facebook.

Discussed Communication Committee organization document and improvements.

High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown motioned to support the Communications Committee document and continued improvement. YDGC President Lee Goldston seconded and motion passed.

Chair Nicole Quick informed of Dashboard update, a state party site that is password protected. Executive Director Bess Lewis offered to help with updates.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Chair Jaime Brown discussed improvements on GCDP web site and 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Dillon Tyler will help. She shared:

June 20 at 7:00 PM, the League of Women Voters board Walter Salenger will talk to Indivisible about the gerrymandering lawsuit.

July 11 at 7:00 PM Parliamentarian Michael Taliercio will offer training for GCDP Executive Board.

Executive Director Bess Lewis and Secretary Bev Bard shared they don't have access to Google Calendar.

July 8 from 2:00-4:00 PM, Cliff Moone will do training on Plan of Organization (POO). The session will be recorded and put on the web site. Discussion followed how to provide audio visual equipment for Headquarters.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Pam Stubbs completed Request of Information form and sent it to Executive Director Bess Lewis. 1<sup>st</sup> VC Pam Stubbs informed that nothing was found in the NC General Statutes that says we, as a political party, are required to release information.

LGBT Democrats of Guilford County President Larry Eisenberg introduced himself and was welcomed by GCDP officers.

African-American Caucus President Felita Donnell shared they will meet June 15 at 6:30 and their NC state meeting is June 10 in Durham.

Executive Director Bess Lewis shared that money was sent for our space at Fun Fourth event. Young Democrats of Guilford County will set up. Jo Isler will bring buttons to sell. Our flyer needs updated. Greensboro Pride is coming up and LBGQ mans that booth. Day in the Park in Jamestown will be in September and is manned by High Point VC.

After July 4<sup>th</sup>, many candidates will want to come to events to shake hands.

Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston shared they will meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Next meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. National Night Out will be towards the end of July.

Secretary Bev Bard shared that a draft has been created to help with messaging points on local/national issues.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Dillon Tyler asked if we might consider Google Suite to help with web site security. The cost is \$70.00 per month. There is a free 14 day trial. Dillon asked about buying a template for a web site. Cost is \$85.00 per year. He is working with Peter Amadan. Exec Dir Bess Lewis noted that it's good to let donors know what their donations go for. Dillon Tyler made a motion to release \$85 to buy template for web site. 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Jaime Brown seconded and motion passed.

High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown shared that H06, H27B met to help organize other precincts. H06 Chair James Adams (NAACP) is working with them to go to barber shops, etc. Vice Chair Joshua asked about business cards and suggested display of our wish list for donors' information.

Chair Nicole Quick shared that she has a table to NAACP banquet on July 29 at 6:00 PM with Gov. Roy Cooper as speaker. Ticket cost is \$50.00 and will be at Four Seasons.

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker shared their meeting will be July 13. Stars Award nominations are needed by July 30. The Pot Luck will be August 3 at Congregational United Church of Christ. High Point and Greensboro City Council are invited to speak at the September 7 meeting.

Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston shared their meeting will be June 26. They are filling committee positions and are enlisting outside people. They will have a District 2 forum with Jamal Fox, C.S. Branson, Tyler Walker on Monday at Headquarters at 1:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick announced that she had invited Michelle Obama and Joe Biden to speak for us!!

High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown made the motion to adjourn meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Dillon Tyler seconded and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Beverly Bard  
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick  
GCDP Chair