

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

MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2018

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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, GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs, GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw, GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, Tara Blomquist for GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard, GCDP Treasurer James Bowles, Democratic Women of Guilford County Future President Sarah Jane Otte

ABSENT: GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown, GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler, GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin, GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard, African-American Caucus of Guilford County President Felita Donnell, Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker, Proxy for President Terry Mitchell of Senior Democrats of GCDP Joan Bass, Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston, LGBTQ of Guilford County President Lawrence Eisenberg, GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier, and GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.

Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:40 PM.

Minutes and Agenda: GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for corrections to agenda and minutes for March Board meeting and Guilford County Convention. Seeing as there were no corrections, GCDP Chair Nicole asked for vote to approve minutes and agenda. Minutes and Agenda were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GCDP is \$2000 under for Unity Dinner expenses. Net is a wash. Balance is \$29,251 as of now. Still processing money for Legislative Breakfast. Century Club is down this year. There's a new bill for \$250 for insurance. Mail Chimp has gone up to \$36 because of adding new names to our distribution list. GCDP High Point VC Josh Brown moved to approve minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. **Residency Challenges:** John Hardister's residency challenge failed. Michael Garrett's challenge failed. Steven Buccini's challenge will move on to the state to decide. Republicans are worried and have hired a law firm to spy in Hardister's race, a close race. We have a right to choose a replacement if Buccini's challenge succeeds. Discussion followed.
- B. **Tornado Relief:** Democratic Women of Guilford County donated \$100 and are coordinating relief through several different channels. No more water or clothing needed.

- C. **Legislative Breakfast:** 100 tickets are sold for the ballroom and Marriot will set up for more. Campaigns are buying more tickets. It was a challenge to prepare because of the storm. All candidates have responded.
- D. **ERA Showing:** There were two showings in High Point. One at the Library and one at the Museum. There is a showing on April 24 at the Civil Rights Museum and Representative Pricey Harrison will give a legislative update. Follow up actions were mailing postcards. Snacks will be provided at the Civil Rights Museum. Republicans are trying to fight the ERA ratification and are revisiting those states that ratified the ERA to discourage them.
- E. **Sustaining Fund:** We are waiting for the State party to pay back for the Interface Roundtable. We will pay when they do.
- F. **Islamic Outreach/Syrian Refugees:** Wasif Qureshi, representative for the Islamic Center, is trying to set up discussion panels. NC has 50 Islamic Centers because there is a large legal Muslim population. They are not voting because they are afraid. Discussion followed about partnering with the Islamic population.
- G. **Book Club:** GCDP Chair Nicole informed about the Rise Piedmont Book Club. First meeting is Tuesday, June 19 at Scuppernong Books, 364 S. Elm St., Greensboro. The book is Democracy in Chains. Future meetings will be at alternate locations to be determined. There is a Facebook event on GCDP Facebook page. August meeting will be in High Point.
- H. **Co-Signed Petition:** The NAACP petition to reject Tom Farr for US District Court has been co-signed by us. A letter about denying the appointment of Tom Farr as US Eastern District Judge was circulated to those attending the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

GCDP 1ST VC Pam Stubbs met with candidates to coordinate signs, calendars, and time lines. A canned program will not work for everybody and some were sent for guidance to Lillian's List. Training sessions were tailored. Worked on a standard resolution for deceased Democrats. One from the state was sent by GCDP Secretary Bev Bard and it can be customized for Guilford Co.

Democratic Women of Guilford County Future President Sarah Jane Otte reported the President's Banquet is May 3rd and they are looking for Silent Auction donations. More women have joined and meetings have had some great speakers. Doodle poll may be set up to collect opinions on future meeting dates.

GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw joined GCDP High Point Vice Chair Josh Brown and GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin to organize 11 people for the training session The Next Steps Meeting for Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs where good ideas were gathered. During the meeting, Pete talked about recruiting more people and how to enhance precinct meetings to make them more engaging. Pete worked on organizing 5 more precincts. Leslie

Holder Martin talked about Phone-banking, canvassing, and sending post cards to precincts. Had a very successful candidate forum with 20 candidates and 4 precincts, run by Elizabeth Keithley. Follow up meeting will be April 28, 11:30 A.M. -1:00 P.M. Pete suggested an e-blast to remind the Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs to not promote one candidate over another until after the primary.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Josh “Fox” Brown reported the picketing ordinance has not passed yet. We have a statement from ACLU against it. March for our Lives will do a sit in at Budd’s office on Friday and Indivisible will protest VP Pence’s visit.

GCDP Secretary/Issues Committee Beverly Bard by email reported that rights for 3 public screenings of *Equal Means Equal* were purchased. There were two showings in High Point: one at the Library and one at the Museum. Even though both venues were nonpartisan, they gave GCDP credit for supplying the film and offered time for Chair Nicole to speak. Chelsea Woodard, Assist. Professor of Anthology Women and Gender Studies of High Point University spoke at the showing in the High Point Museum. Postcards and info sheets were provided by Chair Nicole for follow up action. Thank you to Chair Nicole and 3rd VC Dillon for planning the screening at The Civil Rights Museum where Rep. Pricey Harrison will speak. A private screening at Khem Irby’s church is planned. Volunteers made message posters.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Office hours** can be extended starting the first day of Primary Election. Saturday hours are at GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis’s discretion.
- B. **Standard resolution for deceased Democrats** being created. One from the state was sent by GCDP Secretary Bev Bard and it can be customized for Guilford Co.
- C. **Preprimary post cards** were encouraged in order to get out more voters. Templates can be provided and precincts mail them. Hustle app is \$4000 per year and sends text reminders to as many as 80,000 people as often as you like.
- D. **Unity Dinner dates** open are September 8, 22, 29, October 10, 20, or 27. September 29 seems to be the best date.
- E. **Unity Dinner Speaker Wish List** was discussed to include those currently serving Congress: Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Kamila Harris, Maxine Waters, Christine Gilibrand, Julio Castro and his brother, Keith Ellison, or Chuck Schumer.
- F. **CEC Meeting:** GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown will no longer serve and a replacement is needed. CEC meeting is planned to be located at GTCC.

It was announced that \$100 was donated to GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie’s Dad’s Memorial Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **High Point Democratic office** location/time was discussed. Cecil Brockman or Martha Shafer may open a High Point office. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Josh will contact them.
- B. **Appreciation Event** is being planned by GCDP Rural Chair Leslie Holder Martin, to be an Appreciation Day at High Point City Park in Jamestown. Candidates would provide food and serve it.
- C. **Post Primary Canvass/Door Hangers** will be for unaffiliated voters targeting races on the bubble. JD Wooten and Martha Shafer will give unaffiliated voter walking lists to the precinct chairs. Precincts and Candidates to canvass and hand out door hangers.
- D. **Strategic Planning Dates** were discussed. Fundraising Committee (Nicole, Josh, and James) will meet before next Board meeting. Voter Engagement (Lee, Heidi Noriega, Larry, Felita, Nicole) to focus on youth, Islamic, registered voters canvassed, unaffiliated, and formerly incarcerated. Engaging Base (Leslie, Bev, Pete, Josh) focusing on precincts, book club, election watch events, and volunteer appreciation day. Community Outreach and Social Media (Callie, Dillon) focus on brainstorming ideas to add to list of festivals, parades, social events.

Facebook and twitter are now linked. Want to get precinct officers out to the polls on primary days to increase precinct participation. Discussion followed about reporting wrong phone numbers to the State, and corrections.

GCDP Nicole shared committee goal handout and calendar.

Stephanie Reese for District Attorney spoke.

Nicole asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made and passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard with help of Tara Blomquist
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
GCDP Chair