

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

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 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, Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin, High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard, Democratic Women of GCDP President Carolyn Bunker, Proxy for President Terry Mitchell of Senior Democrats of GCDP Joan Bass, President African-American Caucus of GCDP Felita Donnell, President Young Democrats of Guilford County Lee Goldston, and GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.

**Meeting was called to order** by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:30 PM.

**Minutes and Agenda** of December 14, 2017 were approved. President of Democratic Women of GC Carolyn Bunker made the motion to approve and Rural Chair Leslie H. Martin seconded. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Office hours were discussed. The office will be busier during precinct orientation, when the coordinated campaign starts, and during GOTV. Fellows help with precinct organization and later with GOTV. Governor Cooper wants help with phone banking and called for all races to be contested. If the polls are open, then the office is open. High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox Brown made the motion to hold office hours starting February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays. GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard seconded and the motion passed. High Point Vice Chair Joshua made the motion to increase budget necessary to cover extra hours. President Democratic Women Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- B. High Point Democratic Office rental was discussed. Items considered were short term or long term rental, sharing rent with Coordinated Campaign, candidate contribution, past office locations, realtors, cost, compliance, and parking. GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis offered to put a plug into the E-Blast. Officers discussed contacting GCDP Treasurer James Bowles, and rentals being scouted out.
- C. Officers discussed the County Executive Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, January 18, with registration at 5:30 PM and meeting at 6:30 PM, at Trinity AME Zion Church, 631 E Florida St., Greensboro to elect GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair and 1 male member to State Executive Committee. Board of Officers discussed agenda, voting, and procedures. Pete Salassi agreed to help.
- D. Officers discussed The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Greensboro will be in conflict with the MLK Breakfast so there was little interest to lead. Democratic Women of GC have 20 seats at the breakfast. Officers discussed The High Point MLK Parade is planned and space given for GCDP.
- E. Officers discussed Century Club fundraising levels. Help needed to write and mail letters.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Officers discussed the date and ticket price of the Legislative Breakfast. Officers also discussed pros and cons of buffet vs sit down service. Chair Nicole offered to follow up with costs and details of different venues.
- B. Precinct Packets looked great. Rural Vice Chair Leslie and High Point Vice Chair Joshua invited Chair Nicole to attend and give a message at the precinct orientations in Greensboro and High Point.
- C. Officers discussed the volunteer Recruitment/Appreciation event date. They discussed the pros of having a BBQ or less costly event in Spring or early Summer, after knowing the Primary dates.
- D. Officers discussed Strategic Planning and to have progress on the planning before the County Convention.

**GCDP TREASURER'S REPORT**

- GCDP Treasurer James Bowles was absent so report will be approved at next meeting.

**GCDP CHAIR'S REPORT**

- A. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked auxiliary presidents to make her co-host on their Facebook events to provide more visibility.
- B. Chair Nicole reported a State Executive Preview meeting on January 25th to go over the resolutions.
- C. Chair Nicole reported that we need to encourage Hispanic voters to vote. She stated there is a lead on a helper.
- D. Candidate filing was set for February 12<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Officers discussed who has announced their candidacy and plans for GOTV.

- E. Chair Nicole reported confirmation of Guilford County Democratic Convention for March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Guilford Technical Community College. Registration is at 8:00 AM and meeting usually around 10:00 AM. Officers discussed possibility of selling T-Shirts and Buttons.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

- **GCDP Rural Chair Leslie Martin** reported that candidates are needed to run against non-contested Republicans on the School Board (D2,4,6) and for Commissioner (D2,3). Officers discussed Votebuilder access and procedures.
- **GCDP Secretary/Issues Committee Chair Beverly Bard** reported that Issues Committee contacted Jo Issler to make buttons that say Democrats and Issue on the same button. Officers discussed pricing of buttons and door hangers.
- **Joan Bass for Senior Democrats of Guilford County Terry Mitchell** reported that Terry is doing better. Last Friday's meeting was cancelled, due to weather, and plans are going forward for future meetings. The Membership Meeting was possibly planned for February. GCDP Chair Nicole encouraged passing out information about Sr. Dems at the CEC to encourage membership. Discussion followed on planning and organization.
- **High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown** reported their Precinct Orientation will be Sunday at Carl Chavis Memorial YMCA. Plans are to maintain and grow by reaching out to unorganized precincts. So far, six unorganized precincts signed up to be organized.
- **Democratic Women of GC President Carolyn Bunker** reported the Sweetheart and Stars Party is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at home of Donna and Robert Hodgman's house. The next regular meeting is Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Commissioners to report what is ahead in 2018. Also, Lisa Hitch of Indivisible was invited. Candidates are invited to briefly speak at the meeting. President Carolyn reported the Women's March will be in Winston Salem on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. President Carolyn happily reported announced candidates who turned in membership forms.
- **Young Democrats of GC President Lee Goldston** reported they are working through transitions. They will help announced Democratic candidate against now D59.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beverly Bard  
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick  
GCDP Chair