

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

MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2018

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

PRESENT: GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick, Callie Wallace Proxy for GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler, GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin, Democratic Women of GCDP President Sarah Jane Otte, Young Democrats of GCDP President Heidi Noriega, GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard, and GCDP Treasurer James Bowles, and GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.

ABSENT: GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs, GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown, GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler, GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw, African-American Caucus of GCDP President Felita Donnell, Proxy for President Terry Mitchell of Senior Democrats of GCDP Joan Bass, LGBTQ Caucus of GCDP President Lawrence Eisenberg, and Progressive Caucus of GCDP President Larry Cormier.

Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:32 P.M.

Minutes and Agenda: GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for corrections to agenda and minutes for March Board meeting and Guilford County Convention. Corrections were made to minutes. GCDP Chair Nicole asked for motion to approve agenda and corrected minutes. GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin made the motion to approve corrected minutes and agenda. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown seconded, and motion passed.

TREASURER JAMES BOWLES'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report and update on the Legislative Breakfast will be emailed to board officers.

CHAIR NICOLE WARD QUICK'S REPORT

- A. Primary Turnout** was not great, yet GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie commented that it was up by ½%. The last primary was 14%. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua said that he heard good comments about us being at the polling locations to recruit more precinct members and organize those precincts not organized.
- B. Sanford Hunt Frye Breakfast** with Martin O'Malley is June 9th at 8:30 A.M.
- C. NCDP State Convention** is June 9th at 1:00 P.M.
- D. Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** is Sunday, June 10th at 2:00 P.M. GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie would like volunteers to be there no later than 1:30 P.M. Candidates will bring food and serve. Just over half of the candidates, including Kathy Manning and Ryan Watts, have responded. Shelters have been paid for. The Mark Twain impersonator will be there. Estimated cost is \$500.00. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown made a motion to reimburse GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie. GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard seconded and the motion passed. Discussion followed on what volunteers were still needed.

- E. The CEC Meeting** to elect 1 male and 1 female SEC member, and a 2nd Vice Chair, is June 16th at 10:00 A.M. Registration is at 9:00 A.M. and volunteers are needed at 8:30 A.M. The meeting will be located at Trinity AME Zion Church at 631 E. Florida St., Greensboro.
- F. Book Club** will be on June 19th at 7:00 PM at Scuppernogs. The book discussed will be Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America by Mancy MacLean.
- G. The Sustaining Fund** is an ongoing battle. We can deduct what the state owes us from what we owe them. Our entered data didn't stay and there was a security breach. We owe about \$1200.00
- H. Unity Dinner** is on September 29th. African-American Caucus GCDP President Felita Donnell is Unity Chair. We are waiting for quotes from venues and responses from speakers. Rev. Barber will be added to the speaker wish list. The Rising Star Award (Young Democrat recognition) will take place. Volunteers will meet before the end of the month.

OTHER OFFICER REPORTS

GCDP 1nd Vice Chair Pam Stubbs report was given by GCDP Chair Nicole because GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam was at an event helping Rep. Pricey Harrison who was unable to be at that event. GCDP Chair Nicole reported that GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam is working with Tim Mooreland to develop a packet of guidelines to help our candidates.

GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler reported by email that the Civil Rights Museum Director will provide showings of "Equal Means Equal" for a year. They have been in touch with the ERA Alliance. Our web site had more survey responses.

GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw reported by email that he went to 4 polling locations to help organize precincts. Precincts G61, G01, G24, G25, G27, G28 are in the process of being organized.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown reported he plans to meet with the State Progressive Caucus at the GCDP office. The High Point Picket Ordinance passed but there are still issues with it.

GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin reported she is helping to organize the S. Washington area precincts where they had a picnic a few weeks ago. They were encouraged to invite friends on Facebook. FR1 is in the process of being organized and Indivisible will help by canvassing.

GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard reported that she created a door hanger that lists candidates on one side and our message on the other. This was shared with the board. Ashley Kotus will contact her about the Red Cinema. GCDP Chair Nicole said that our intern will work with GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon to get our new survey results. Messaging and vision can then be updated in accordance with NCDP's message. Peace Makers will meet on Saturday.

Young Democrats of GCDP President Heidi Noriega reported they are revising their by-laws. The Tornado Fundraiser update went well and they are following up with Facebook to make sure refunds have been made to those who donated, through Facebook, for tornado

victims. There are plans to meet socially and get volunteers for the July Fun 4th Booth. They are working on their goals and recruitment.

Democratic Women of GCDP President Sarah J. Otte reported that the Spring Banquet made about \$4000.00. They had their executive meeting last week and are making program plans. The State Convention is September 7-9 in Wilmington, NC. The August meeting will be the pot luck and they are looking for someone to chair that event.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Poll Shuttle for Key Neighborhoods:** Those central locations in key neighborhoods can be used as a meeting place for drivers to take those voters, who need a ride, to the polls. Rev. Brown's New Life church may be a location. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua suggested the help of James Hitch who has a license to drive a bus.
- B. Hustle** is the plan to get out our young voters. This NCDP tool is a way to text up to 80,000 people for 5 cents per text. NCDP writes the script. Cost is \$4000.00. It can increase turnout by 30%. Discussion followed concerning the use of Votebuilder, if the text phone numbers are good, and the cost.
- C. T-Shirts** are available by Kurtis T-Shirts. Cost is \$12.50.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Coordinated Campaigns:** Ryan Watts would like to talk to us so we don't duplicate our efforts and that what we do is worthwhile. Discussion followed concerning precinct canvassing, splitting by district, voter registration, and Executive Director of GCDP Bess Lewis reminded we need to educate about all our candidates, not just one. GCDP Chair Nicole said we can meet with candidates, Swing Left and Indivisible.
- B. High Point Office:** GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua suggested that GCDP Chair Nicole call those candidates, and staff, who are most likely to have an office in High Point. Joshua and Bev drove around High Point to see which places are most likely to be good (handicap assessable, parking, etc). Discussion followed about possible locations: 801 W. English Rd., 619 N. Hamilton St., 106 Oak St.
- C. Fun 4th Sign-up:** Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down.
- D. Post-Primary Canvass/Door Hangers to Unaffiliated:** GCDP Secretary Beverly passed out a door hanger she made that listed candidates on one side and our message on the other.
- E. Caucus Reference:** LBGTQ Caucus of GCDP President Lawrence Eisenburg is making a list of caucus information to have available at the GCDP office.

ADJOURNMENT

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for a motion to adjourn. Democratic Women of GCDP President Sarah J. Otte made the motion to adjourn, and was seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
GCDP Chair