

**GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2018

The Guilford County Democratic Party County Executive Committee held a meeting to elect 1 female and 1 male member to serve as voting members on the State Executive Committee, and a 2nd Vice Chair to serve on the Guilford County Democratic Party Board of Officers.

PRESENT

Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick, GCDP Board Members, Pete Salassi to serve as vote counter, Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs, Elected Officials, Candidates, and Executive Director Bess Lewis were present. One hundred and six voting committee members were required to reach quorum. Quorum was not reached.

AGENDA

At 10:18 A.M. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick announced that if quorum is not reached, then this meeting to elect our 2nd Vice Chair and SEC delegates will be rolled over to the meeting to elect an At-Large Guilford County Board of Education to fill Al Duncan's term, since he will be retiring.

GCDP Chair Nicole answered questions and explained rules and procedures of the CEC meeting on July 14, 2018.

She encouraged members to reach out to find those who wish to serve as GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Board member, or as voting committee members to the State Executive Committee, or fill Al Duncan's term as school board at large.

GCDP Chair Nicole stated that 11.3% is average for a primary turnout and encouraged us to help Get Out The Vote in November. The candidate office in High Point is normally shared with us. Joshua "Fox Brown is the High Point Vice Chair who will be in the High Point office. The High Point Office is normally open for 3 months up through election-day. The Coordinated Campaign is in the process of being developed. GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie H. Martin has made precinct specific hand-outs. The best chance to win is to turn out our base, especially the young.

GCDP Chair Nicole announced that quorum was not reached and asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. A stand up vote was counted. 39 voted to adjourn and 40 voted to not adjourn. GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis reminded members to please return their ballots as they leave. The meeting continued to hear officer reports.

OFFICER REPORTS

GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs reported by email that she is working with Tim Mooreland on base training for our new candidates.

GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown has stepped down and her replacement will be elected at the July 14th CEC meeting.

GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler's report was given by Communications Director Callie Wallace. She reported that there have been major advances in our communications and said to check out our GCDP web site. Op Eds are welcome.

GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw reported that he is helping candidates by holding forums during precinct meetings. He had a meeting of best practices for precincts and asked those who need help with their programs to contact him. He encouraged precincts to hold cluster meetings.

GCDP High Point Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown reported that officers depend on the grassroots activism of all to Get Out The Vote, organize precincts, and asked members to reach out to him if they need help. There are many opportunities, including registering 17 year olds who turn 18 on or before election day, November 6th. He encouraged precincts to be at our polling place on election day to increase precinct participation and new precinct organization. He can be contacted at fox@guilforddems.org.

GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin reported by email that the county can be red and county homes are far apart so it is more difficult to canvass. She encouraged having cluster precinct meetings, delivering door hangers, and mailing post cards. Meetings are planned with D6 and D13 to schedule phone banks, with the help of Indivisible and Swing Left.

GCDP Secretary/Issues Committee Chair Beverly Bard reported that the documentary "Equal Means Equal" had been shown 3 times and the Civil Rights Museum will continue to show it. She is waiting for the right date to plan a rally in Raleigh to encourage legislatures and House Rules Committee to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. GCDP Chair Nicole said that a rally was being planned by the ERA Alliance. Heather Blackburn said that there is a letter writing campaign by Aim Higher at 310 E. Sycamore St., Greensboro. Issues Chair Bev encouraged activism. She said we need to continue to let people know what we stand for and has made a door hanger with candidates on one side and our message on the other. She and Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier went to FR1 polling location on primary election day to help organize it and she also went to H27B.

GCDP Treasurer James Bowles reported a balance of \$21,387.00 and the full report will be turned in to the NCDP state web site on July 1st.

Senior Democrats of GCDP President Terry Mitchell has been helped by Joan Bass. B.J. Gerald-Covington gave an update. They are having a summer break. Their last meeting was at Mimi's Café and well attended.

Democratic Women of GCDP President Sarah Jane Otte reported that the next meeting at GCDP office will be on Thursday, July 12, with Chief District Court Judge Tom Jarrell. August 2nd is the Potluck at Congregational United Church of Christ. Men are welcome.

African-American Caucus of GCDP President Felita Donnell reported that they meet every 2nd Thursday of the each month at 6:30 P.M. at the GCDP office. In April they had Date Night with the candidates where they were able to talk to them one on one. History has been made with the first African-American District Attorney candidate Avery M. Crump and our candidate Danny Rogers for Sheriff. The Second Annual Gala will be at the GCDP office. AF Caucus of GCDP President Felita is serving as Unity Dinner Chair.

Progressive Caucus of GCDP President Larry Cormier reported that he had a resolution to ratify the ERA that he was going to present to the Greensboro City Council. High Point City Council had turned it down. Greensboro City Council is a Democratic council and Sharon Hightower will help the cause. Progressive Caucus of GCDP Larry said he was elected at the SEC to serve on the State Resolution Committee. He reported that most of the resolutions presented at the last SEC meeting passed and those that didn't would be forwarded to the next SEC meeting. He and GCDP Secretary Beverly went to precinct FR1 polling place during primary to help organize it.

LGBTQ Caucus of GCDP President Lawrence Eisenberg, Young Democrats of GCDP President Heidi Noriega were absent so School Board D7 Byron Gladden reported for them that Young Democrats of GCDP elected Heidi Noriega as their new and first Latino President. He recognized their other officers and said he was elected as their new Vice Chair. He serves as the Political Action Chair. He encouraged us to reach out to those who need help with addiction and poverty. He encouraged those candidates for school board to read their work with comprehension. He also said we need to research our candidates to better understand their political history.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick reported that the Hispanic and Islam Caucuses are in progress. NC has more Islamic centers than any other state in the USA and many of them are citizens who are afraid to vote. She told us to reach out to our Latino and Islamic neighbors and encourage them to vote and take them to the polls. July 14th is the next CEC meeting at GTCC. Votes will be tabled until then. She said that 106 delegates will be needed to reach quorum. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for motion to adjourn. Motion was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
GCDP Chair

