

GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BOARD MEETING OF THE OFFICERS

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

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

PRESENT: Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Ward Quick, 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs, High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, Secretary/Chair Issues Committee Beverly Bard, Treasurer James Bowles, President African-American Caucus Felita Donnell, Democratic Women President Carolyn Bunker, Young Democrats President Lee Goldston, Senior Democrat President Terry Mitchell, Interim President Progressive Caucus Adam White, stand in for LGBTQ President was Byron Gladden, Executive Director Bess Lewis

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Mitchell, Lissa Harris, B.J. Gerald-Covington

ABSENT: 2ND Vice Chair Jaime Brown, 3rd Vice Chair/Chair Communications Committee Dillon Tyler, Communications Committee Callie Wallace, Greensboro Vice Chair Heidi Fleshman, Rural Vice Chair/Data Committee Chair Leslie Martin, LGBTQ President Lawrence Eisenberg

Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:37 PM.

Motion was made by Terry Mitchell to approve August 21, 2017 Minutes of GCDP Officers' Board Meeting and Joshua Perry Brown seconded. Motion passed.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick informed the GCDP Officers that we received a Certificate of Recognition from North Carolina Democratic Party for our sustaining funds contribution.

GCDP Treasurer James Bowles gave the Treasurer's Report. Terry Mitchell made the motion and Carolyn Bunker seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

GCDP CHAIR NICOLE WARD QUICK REPORT

- A. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick gave a Unity Dinner update. Registered were 330 people so far and there was room for more. The Reception had 175 people registered so far. Chair Nicole informed officers of the Agenda and Layout of the Unity Dinner and that the Itinerary had been sent to Mr. Julian Castro, the featured speaker and future presidential candidate.

Curtis Thomas, a former House staffer, presented T-Shirts from the Fashion House of Hillary, connecting to the millennials. He displayed different styles of T-shirts for men, women, and babies. He said prices can be found on web site <https://www.houseofhillary.com>. Discussion followed about our Democratic Store and fundraising.

- B. Hispanic-American Caucus members are energized and organized. They will volunteer at the Unity Dinner. President Democratic Women Carolyn Bunker said that Dot Kearns won the Democratic of the Year Award, but will not be present at the NC Democratic Women Convention to receive her award. She reported that Lou Dean Howard and Charlie Greene had passed away and can be added to the Unity Dinner memorial.
- C. Weekly phone banking and canvassing will be at GCDP Headquarters on Wednesdays. Regina Pearson resigned from NCDP Fellow Program phone bank and canvassing organizer. It was discussed to follow up with precinct chair and vice chair when phone banking.
- D. Unity T-shirts are for sale through Red Bubble for \$20 and several styles are available.
- E. Candidates have planned to run for 6th District and for D13. For D6 are Margot Horney, Gerald Wong, and Ryan Watts. For D13 are Adam Coker and Beniah McMiller.
- F. Graig Meyer and Orange County said they will volunteer to help us phone bank. High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown discussed to think about Get Out The Vote in Ward 4 and 5 of High Point and getting bios of those ward candidates.

OTHER OFFICER REPORTS

GCDP 1ST Vice Chair Pam Stubbs urged to get the RSVPs for the Unity Dinner in now and to include meal preferences. Discussion followed that Nate Silver has a 6 part series podcast on Gerrymandering. He came to NC and talked with Gladys Robinson, Pam Stubbs, and Nicole Quick.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick reported that Jen and Sangeetha worked on the web site with success and also worked on, with the help of Dave Mandel, a monthly informational meeting to obtain what precincts would like us to do for them. GCDP Chair Nicole stated that she heard from Charlie Collicutt that BOE are selling and replacing voting machines.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown reported that the High Point Municipal Democrat Candidate Meet and Greet was well attended. All candidates except Mr. Hudson, who was out of town, came. Joshua made the motion and 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs seconded to reimburse for expenses of the event. Motion passed. Joshua reported that the picketing ordinance was read at the High Point City Council meeting and the American Civil Liberties Union is interested and may be at the next council meeting.

GCDP Secretary/Issues Committee Chair Beverly Bard reported that committee members had been called and the vision/mission/goal/messaging paper was updated. She asked Auxiliary Chairs what issues are most important for them. GCDP Chair Nicole asked to have the updated paper sent to the GCDP Board of Officers.

African-American Caucus of Guilford County President Felita Donnell reported that their next meeting will be at 6:30 PM, Thursday September 21st at Headquarters. The Gala will be on September 30th at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill.

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker reported that the memorial for Lou Dean Howard is on Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Wesleyan Memorial Church. The North Carolina Democratic Women Convention will be from September 22-24 at the Hawthorn Inn on High St. in Winston Salem. Elaine Marshall will speak on Saturday morning, and the Convention fee is waived so the cost is only \$10 for those not staying for the weekend. The next Guilford County Democratic Women meeting will be on Thursday, October 5th at Headquarters. The speaker will be Reverend Julie Peeples who will speak on DACA. The Democratic Woman of the Year will be honored at the meeting. They decided to help Elaine Marshall. New business cards were printed.

Progressive Caucus Interim President Adam White reported that the past president resigned. The by-laws have been ratified. They worked with local colleges and decided to help with the 2018 election cycle. Their next meeting will be on Monday, October 16 at Headquarters, if available, when they will elect their next president. They heard talk that the State wide caucus might meet here during the first week of December.

GCDP LGBTQ President Lawrence Eisenberg was absent so GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis reported that the Pride Fest was successful. They gave out 700 flyers, registered 22 voters, and sold lots of buttons.

GCDP LGBTQ and Democratic Socialists co-sponsored an event with the Green Party where an unaffiliated candidate spoke. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick stated that this was not ok to sponsor unaffiliated candidates.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked the officers to review the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis and to fill in our information and goals.

GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis reported that Early Voting starts on Tuesday at the Old Greensboro Courthouse and High Point's Washington Terrace Recreation Center. On October 10th, voting will take place at the precinct polling locations.

GCDP Senior Democrats President Terry Mitchell made the motion and GCDP African-American Caucus President Felita Donnell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard, GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
GCDP Chair