

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 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, High Point Vice Chair Joshua Perry Brown, GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard, GCDP Treasurer James Bowles, Proxy for President Terry Mitchell of Senior Democrats of GCDP Joan Bass, GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier, and GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.

ABSENT: GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown, GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin, Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker, African-American Caucus of Guilford County President Felita Donnell, Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston, LGBTQ of Guilford County President Lawrence Eisenburg
Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:34 PM.

Minutes and Agenda of January 10, 2018 were approved as corrected. Acting President of Senior Democrats of GC Joan Bass made the motion to approve and GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GCDP Treasurer James Bowles reported a balance of \$21,487.00, after expenses. Jo Isler's buttons have been selling well. All Treasurer Reports are now in the state and have been accepted. Discussion followed on auxiliary report preparation for the state. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier seconded. Motion passed.

GCDP CHAIR'S REPORT

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick reported she is working with GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis on the Century Club Letter with plans to be in the mail on Tuesday.

The new Spring Intern from NCA&T is Thoron Augustin, who is a Political Science major. He will start on Monday and work through the spring term.

Candidate filing is from February 12-28. Filing later are Soil & Water, and Judicial candidates. Michael Garrett announced his run for D27. Candidates are being sought for County Commissioner 2 and School Board 2. Candidates are also being sought for NC House 24, 26, and 59.

The County Convention will be at GTCC on March 24th. Registration starts at 9:00 AM, and the meeting at 10:00 AM. It will be held in the same location as before, in the Percy Auditorium.

The Legislative Breakfast will be at the Airport Marriott on April 21st at 10:00 AM. There will be a plated breakfast with sides and beverages available. Tickets are \$35.00 each and there is anticipation of 200-250 to attend.

We have been asked by the state for ideas on a Faith Forum meeting and the speakers to present. Discussion followed about possible speakers.

GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin has been a rock star in helping to prepare precinct packets and run lists. GCDP Vice Chair Joshua thanked GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard for her help in preparing High Point lists while he is recovering from his accident.

OFFICER REPORTS

GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs reported she spoke with Caroline, the campaign manager for Anita Earle who is candidate for Supreme Court Judge. Anita Earle is the founder of the Southern Coalition of Justice Center and works with many issues, and is also a civil rights leader. 1st Vice Chair Pam reported she is working on a candidate training and development program. She recommended a place to start is to talk to candidates one on one and answer their questions. The program will help any Democratic candidate.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown reported that there will be a cluster meeting, to serve as back up for precincts, on the last day of February 19th. He said there are 23 precincts who have scheduled meetings.

GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw reported that he put together a list of speaker contacts for organizers to use for their precinct meetings. He planned to help Democratic Women of GC at their Sweetheart Party and wishes to meet

with GCDP Rural Chair, GCDP High Point Vice Chair after precincts are organized. All Officers welcomed Pete to the GCDP Board.

GCDP Secretary/Issues Chair Beverly Bard thanked Indivisible and GCDP Chair Nicole for having a post card writing event, to our representatives, in response to the Kentucky shooting. GCDP Secretary Beverly presented a Team Building exercise showing that individually we have our specific skills and characteristics, but together we have many of them, resulting in a better team. The activity found that we are mostly Open-Minded, Dependable, Disciplined, Resourceful, and Understanding. Seven members signed up to be added to the Issues Committee. GCDP Chair Nicole suggested to develop a mockup of door hangers to be presented at the next meeting. GCDP Secretary Beverly agreed that they can be used to help candidates message what Democrats stand for.

Senior Democrats of Guilford County Joan Bass for Terry Mitchell reported Terry may soon go home. She invited all to come to the GCDP Sr. Dem's lunch at Mimi's Café at Friendly Shops on February 28 at 1:30. The speaker is from the Alzheimer's Association and will speak about brain health. She said the membership bash with a light lunch, is tentatively set for about April 7th at Headquarters. GCDP Chair Nicole can make an event on our Facebook page for 2/28. She reminded the officers that the NCDP Unity Dinner is April 14 in Raleigh. Discussion followed about their financial reports and preparation for state.

Progressive Caucus of GC President Larry Cormier reported their reelection of officers is one week from Monday. They are helping precincts to get organized. He made flyers to announce his precinct meeting.

GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis reported that we are not allowed to run Votebuilder lists for candidates. She offered to meet and let candidates know what Guilford County Democratic Party can and can't do. The Board said this was a great idea. GCDP Chair Nicole reminded the Board that she knows who runs lists. GCDP Executive Director Bess announced a precinct cluster meeting for Skip Alston's group to be on Tuesday, February 13, at Headquarters and using GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete's list of speakers would be nice. She said that using cluster meetings is best for precincts without already scheduled meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS

GCDP Chair Nicole asked about the High Point office and GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua suggested we wait a few months to better work with realtors. GCDP Executive Director Bess suggested to wait until after the Primary Election. The office opened, in the past, just before or around Labor Day. Discussion followed on who to contact and GCDP Treasurer James to help with suggested rental amounts.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick announced to table Volunteer Appreciation Event until the weather is warmer.

GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked officers to have a meeting with their Strategic Plan Team in 2 weeks so we can get started engaging our base and reaching out to candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis shared information about our printer contract and costs.

Being no other new business, GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick asked for a motion to adjourn. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown made the motion to adjourn, Progressive Caucus of GCDP President Larry Cormier seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting of GCDP Board of Officers adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard
Guilford County Democratic Party Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
Guilford County Democratic Party Chair