

GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MINUTES OF March 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, GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Holder Martin, GCDP 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, Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker, GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier, School Board Bryan Gladden proxy (for AF Caucus President Felita Donnell, LGBT Democrats President Lawrence Eisenburg, Young Democrats President Lee Goldston), and GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.

ABSENT: GCDP 2nd Vice Chair Jaime Brown, GCDP 3rd Vice Chair Dillon Tyler, African-American Caucus of Guilford County President Felita Donnell, Young Democrats of Guilford County President Lee Goldston, and LGBTQ of Guilford County President Lawrence Eisenburg.

Meeting was called to order by GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick at 6:35 PM.

Minutes and Agenda: Minutes of February 8, 2018 and agenda of March 8, 2018 were approved. GCDP Greensboro Chair Leslie Martin made the motion to approve, DWGC President Carolyn Bunker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT GCDP Treasurer James Bowles reported that Century Club is ongoing. Right now, our sustaining funds are behind last year's but funds are still coming in. Total receipts YTD are \$14,120.91 and Total Expenses YTD are \$7,453.99, leaving a balance of \$29,378.48. DWGC President Carolyn Bunker made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. GCDP Secretary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick reported that the Century Club is ongoing and volunteers help to make phone calls.
- B. Mitchell from the Islamic Center has been contacted concerning the Faith Roundtable which has 5 people confirmed. We are in process of partnering with them to get the vote out. David Fricaro and Hon. Mary Kay Abaduzar are working with Faith Action on Trans Gender ID Issue to match gender ID with photo ID. The Greensboro police also play in and once approved, then it goes to the General Assembly. Currently the NC State DMV won't permit gender ID to match photo ID unless there has been a gender change operation or birth certificate change. Equal Rights Amendment is in the Rules Committee. Check NCERA for details.
- C. The Hispanic Caucus Phone Bank is on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. to call Hispanic voters and to recruit to form the Hispanic Caucus.
- D. We have three Spring Interns (from A&T, from AF Caucus President Felita Donnell, and from GTCC). Summer Inters have been recruited.
- E. The GCDP Convention will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at GTCC where resolutions will be voted on and volunteer delegates for the state. Candidate speeches will be towards the end. Buttons, T-Shirts, and Candidate Flyers will be available. GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw offered information on a Mark Twain impersonator who is willing to fill time, if needed, and may be available for the Legislative Breakfast.
- F. March for Our Lives raised over \$10,000 on their sales of t-shirts and buttons. Representative Cecil Brockman, music, and food trucks will be at there on March 24th in support. They have joined with A Wrinkle in Time movie to register voters. The students will be at the next school board meeting and the convention. They are a non-partisan group. They will be making signs at Geeksboro on Saturday 6:30 P.M. High Point's Penn-Griffin School for the Arts will participate in the walk out on March 14.
- G. GCDP Chair Nicole reported that she was interviewed by The Daily Beast concerning the Gays for Trump topic and they are for candidate Representative Amos Quick.
- H. GCDP Chair Nicole met with Mayor Nancy Vaughn who said gun shows at the Greensboro Coliseum are no longer permitted. Mayor Vaughn plans to do another gun buy back in the future, and will close the gun show loophole.

- I. The Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Airport Marriot where Anita Earle will speak. More details out next week. Discussion followed about how to increase attendance.

OTHER REPORTS

GCDP 1st Vice Chair Pam Stubbs reported a plan for Basic Candidate Training for Democrats that consists of one on one training. Four people have attended, so far. The Training helps to develop the candidate's message. Emily's List also offers training on-line.

GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie H. Martin reported that precinct organization went well, with 10 new rural precincts organized. Discussion followed about door hangers/flyers for precincts to help get the vote out.

GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw reported he was contacted by GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier to set up High Point and Greensboro expansion of precinct membership and how to go forth with their future events. Precinct G58 reached quorum. Discussion followed on Votebuilder updates and organizing precinct events/meetings by cluster/ward.

GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua "Fox" Brown reported that 14 precincts were invited to a cluster meeting at the High Point Public Library. He was contacted by ACLU's legal director (after previously expressing concerns to them last year about the first attempt at legislation) to share his concerns regarding the new version of the High Point's ordinance to assemble. Proposed High Point ordinance would require groups of 15 or more to give written notice to police and to then carry a receipt with them (permit to protest) before they are allowed to gather for any activities defined as "Picketing" near roads, sidewalks, and other public areas (even just oral discussion without signs), with possible fees for larger groups and poster restrictions. Joshua asked for our GCDP response to this proposal. GCDP High Point Vice Chair Joshua made the motion to make a GCDP statement in response to this ordinance. GCDP Progressive Caucus President Larry Cormier seconded and motion passed.

GCDP Secretary/Issues Committee Chair reported that the Issues Committee met on Wednesday and are working on the best date for the Rally for ERA in Raleigh and day for monthly meetings, possibly "First Fridays". The Committee is also working on venues for the showing of "Equal Means Equal". Bev thanked GCDP Chair Nicole for her presentation of a door hanger at the meeting. Issues Committee decided that door hangers will be available after the primary and post cards before the primary. GCDP Secretary Bev reported that Tara Blomquist will help take notes during the Convention and a recorder will be available for use.

Democratic Women of Guilford County President Carolyn Bunker reported they have 130 members, 15 male members. The Spring Banquet and Silent Auction is on May 3rd. Tickets are \$50.00 in advance and \$60.00 at the door. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 5th and NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin will be the speaker. The June meeting will feature Mom's Demand Action and the July meeting will feature Judge Tom Jarrell. The Pot Luck is in August. On Saturday, March 17, at 10:30 AM, Region 5 will meet at Headquarters to appoint the new Director and box lunch will be available for \$10.00. Carolyn made an appeal to the High Point City Council against Amendment 1 and sent bullet points to them: remember the money lost because of HB2, ACLU will prosecute High Point if they accept Amendment 1 which will cost a \$1 million, so hoping the city will back down.

Senior Democrats of Guilford County Joan Bass for Terry Mitchell reported that the lunch at Mimi's on February 28th had 40 people attending. The speaker presented a program on Brain Health it was very good. Their membership function will be in May. GCDP Treasurer James Bowles said he will help with their state reports.

Progressive Caucus of Guilford County President Larry Cormier reported that they are accepted by the state. Their new secretary is Megan Longstreet. They are helping with G62, H01, H20A precincts and would like do voter registration.

LGBT Democrats, Young Democrats, African American Caucus of Guilford County Byron Gladden for Lawrence Eisenburg, Lee Goldston, Felita Donnell, reported the Young Democrats and LGBT Democrats are restructuring. The African American Caucus will meet on April 19 at 6:30 PM at New Light Baptist Church with candidates. There is an African American for every seat of the School Board. Judge Crump stepped down from her judgeship and is running for District Attorney. On March 22nd, the school Board will meet in High Point. The African American Caucus will host a state wide event. There are 3 African American County Commissioners. There is \$140 million in budget surplus and \$24

million went to funding African American Contractors, which is less than ½%. \$1.6 million went to women. Discussion followed about candidate relationships during the primary races.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sustaining Fund owes \$4500.00 for the use of Votebuilder. We paid \$500 last year and GCDP Chair Nicole asked to make a compromise payment since Votebuilder needs updated. GCDP Secretary Beverly Bard made the motion to negotiate \$250-\$500, based upon the cleanup of Votebuilder. Byron Gladden seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. GCDP Board of Officers discussed procedure for contacting Democratic candidates who do not follow our ideology/values. Discussion followed about office safety, since the office will be busier this year. Building Security and Police will be consulted on best practices.
- C. GCDP Board of Officers discussed encouragement of a write-in for County Commissioner 2. Guilford County Board of Elections will be asked for guidance on best procedure.
- D. GCDP Board of Officers discussed a monthly Precinct Chair and Vice Chair training. GCDP Rural Vice Chair Leslie Martin said training can be for officers, and volunteers. Discussion followed on precinct cluster meetings, experienced cluster captains, and best practices. GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis said Precinct Chair and Vice Chair orientation/training is idea sharing.
- E. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick said Voter Recruitment/Registration is best at Smith and Western Guilford High Schools. Hon. Cecil Brockman will be consulted.
- F. Pre-primary post cards to be given to base before primary. GCDP will print and people will be responsible for mailing.
- G. Post-Primary canvass/door hangers displaying Democratic Values/issues to be given to unaffiliated voters.
- H. Slate cards are usually not done during the primary, but are made for the November election.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. High Point office might be shared with a candidate. The office will most likely be rented about 3 months before November.

GCDP Chair Nicole Quick called for motion to adjourn. GCDP Treasurer James Bowles motioned to adjourn. GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting of GCDP Board of Officers adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Bard
GCDP Secretary

Nicole Ward Quick
GCDP Chair