

# GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY BOARD MEETING OF THE OFFICERS

Minutes for May 13, 2019

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

**PRESENT:** GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick, GCDP 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Tyler Beall, GCDP 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Chair Adrienne Spencer, GCDP Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw, GCDP 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Elijah Mears, Democratic Women of GCDP President Sarah Jane Sabanis, LGBTQ Caucus of GCDP President and proxy for President Heidi Noriega of Young Democrats of GCDP Byron Gladden, GCDP Rural Vice Chair Linda Archer, GCDP Secretary Iamoni McClellan, GCDP Treasurer James Bowles.

**ABSENT:** High Point Vice Chair Beverly Bard, GCDP African American Caucus President Maurice Warren, Progressive Caucus of GCDP President Larry Cormier.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Quorum was met with 40% present, so GCDP Chair Nicole Ward Quick called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING & THE AGENDA:** Secretary forgot to email minutes and was requested to send them to Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw, who later approved the and corrected the minutes. First Vice Chair Tyler Beall agreed to look over the minutes for today, May 13, 2019.
- 3. PHOTO OF OFFICERS:** GCDP Chair Nicole Quick requested to get photos of new officers. The board agreed to wait to take the photo.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** GCDP Treasurer James Bowles said that, \$2,200 came in from the lunch club, \$7,455 from the breakfast club which was reported at 12:00 P.M. today. Quick requested that Treasurer James Bowles give her an

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update report. There is a sustaining fund amount of \$4,755. Quick also requested report the NCDP sustaining fund. We are at a total of \$11,316.05 as of today.

## 5. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- A. Guilford Dems Email Addresses:** GCDP Chair Nicole Quick advises that if anyone would like a Guilford Dems email address, email GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis.
- B. Contact List:** GCDP Executive Director Bess Lewis passed around a paper with a list of contacts and their addresses. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick advised everyone to go over the list and make sure everything is correct.
- C. Sustaining Funds Redux:** Treasurer James Bowles said that, there was an issue with the alternate payment with the High Point office and took their share out of the \$500 and gave them \$300. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick stated that NCDP told GCDP that if we do not pay \$1250, after requesting \$4500, that they will shut off our voter builder. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick told NCDP that we will give them \$500 instead, but we sent \$367. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick, requested that we pay the difference \$133. Treasurer James Bowles acknowledged to paying \$133 to NCDP.
- D. New Intern:** GCDP Nicole Quick acknowledged that the GCDP Headquarters has a new intern by the name, Celest Cornelius, who is a Mass Communication major at NCAT. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick said that the new intern will be helping with social media and the investigation of party affiliations, pulling up precincts so that we could look up more candidates. GCDP 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Elijah Mears will be contacting new intern.
- E. Gerrymandering Lawsuit:** GCDP Nicole Quick said that the trial begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If rule will do in our favor the GOP will challenge to research, it. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick said that she is still unsure about the races.
- F. Meeting of Precinct Officers – Best Practices:** Greensboro Vice Chair, Pete Shaw said that he have not discussed scheduling, yet. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick requested that Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw, come up with dates for meetings. Greensboro Vice Chair Pete Shaw said that, he will talk about formats and three people will give presentations about new ideas.
- G. High Point City Council Races:** GCDP Chair Nicole Quick said that James Upchurch plan on dropping out of High Point mayor seat. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick also stated that we need someone in Ward 5 to run, preferably someone who presents as a moderate. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick stated that we someone

for “At Large,” preferably someone with recognition. She said that we also need to look at smaller township and that she will reach out to officers.

**H. 2020 Elections:** GCDP Chair Nicole Quick said that we are unsure where lines are going to be for the Governor’s race.

**I. Fun Fourth:** GCDP Young Democrats President David Small will round up enough people for Fun Fourth and will let the board know if they need more help.

**J. Watch Party:** GCDP Chair Nicole Quick came up with the idea of having a debate watch party. The board agreed that that was a great idea.

## **6. OTHER OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Tyler Beall:** He stated that he has been working on the Unity Dinner and it’s video project. He also brought up his opinion on the issue regarding the fact that Sheriff Danny Rogers has been neglecting the community. Beall, wrote a letter on behalf of the “concerned community members.” 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Tyler Beall feels as though the party should remind Rogers of his promises to the community. GCDP LGBTQ+ President Byron Gladdin requested a motion due to not agreeing to send the letter due to the complications it may bring to the minority community. GCDP Young Democrats President David Small initiated that we should sit down with our state legislators about law enforcement instead. GCDP LGBTQ+ President Byron Gladdin brought up the idea of making a process for a steering meeting to discuss law enforcement. The board agreed.
- **Senior Democrats President Ossie Edwards Moody:** She stated that the next meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the GCDP Headquarters. GCDP Chair Nicole Quick requested that the events for the Senior Democrats be posted on Facebook.
- **GCDP Young Democrats President David Small:** He stated that the Young Democrats

## **7. New Business**

**8. Adjournment:** Second motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.