

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting

July 15, 2013

The meeting was convened at Morton Hall located on the campus of UNCW at 5:30 .

1. **Call to order**, Welcome and Pledge. Recognized Councilman Dr. Earl Sheridan, Councilman Kevin O'Grady, Sheriff Ed McMahon.
Recognized newly organized W-30 and its officers.
2. **Introductions** : Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Susanne Werner, Jeremy Wilson, Brenda Fong, Andrew Barnhill and Jennifer MacNeish. Absent: Veda Wilson. Acknowledged visitors.
Richard mentioned new sign in sheets for voice vote.
3. **Presentation by:** Councilman Kevin O'Grady- discussed progress made by City of Wilmington and asked for input from citizens.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Brenda Fong. Total balance - \$8,649.80(report attached). Roberta Penn questioned income and status of expenses from June report. Lynn McIntyre stated large expense in June may have been for NC Sustaining Fund. Brenda would present info at next meeting or upon request. Richard stated that all expenses and income are subject to NC Board of Elections reporting and can be accessed online.
5. **Approval of Minutes from June:** Jennifer stated that in future a draft of meetings minutes would be posted online for review and not be read but only approved or amended. Roberta Penn made motion to accept. Amendment made by Debra Maxwell to have June minutes read today and vote to begin new process at next meeting after notes have been posted and time for review. Seconded by Myrna Wexler. Verbal vote taken on amendment with no determination. A hand vote of those authorized to vote was taken with 19 yeas and 5nays. Then hand vote on original motion to forgo readings at each meeting and passed with 21 yeas and 2 opposed. June minutes read. Motion to accept by Lynn McIntyre and seconded by E.B. Davis.
6. **Report on Strategic Plan Advisory Group:** Richard Mandel has formed an advisory committee to create a Strategic Plan and will report his progress at the August meeting.
7. **Report on Plan of Organization Study Session July 13-** Richard Poole discussed rewrites to POO.
8. **SEC Vacancy:** Vote on Replacement- Richard asked for nominations from the floor. Richard Mandel suggested Jim Moriarty and Roberta Penn suggested Andrew Barnhill. Nominations closed by motion from EB Davis. Seconded by Lynn McIntyre and Owen Wexler. Andrew Barnhill accepted. Jim Moriarty was not present. Roberta Penn spoke in favor of Andrew Barnhill and Richard Mandel spoke in favor of Jim Moriarty. Owen Wexler asked if Andrew was able to attend and participate and Andrew stated yes. Richard asked for a show of hands and Bill Cottingham asked for a secret ballot. As ballots were prepared Debra Maxwell reported next Moral Monday is July 22, bus sponsored by NH NAACP. And Aug. 24 the 50th Anniversary for the March on Washington DC, tickets \$50, contact Brenda Fong. Ballots taken by officers and counted resulted in 19 for Andrew Barnhill, 6 for Jim Moriarty and 1 for Jim Barnhill.
9. **Report on Precinct Organization Phone Calls and Unorganized Precincts:** Newly organized W-30 and the following have completed their call sheets: W-24, H-8, WB, W31 and W-27.
10. **Discussion on Cannabis proposals by Lee Porter;** in depth discussion as to the facts of the proposals, status of legislation and the need for support from local legislators. Only supporter currently Rep. Susi Hamilton. If interested please contact Lee Porter.

11. **Status of Summer Events:** July 27, 10am Empie Park, Aug 4, Carolina Beach Federal Point Historical Room, 3 pm. Email reminders and directions to come out soon.
12. **Report on Fundraiser at Nina Szlosberg-Landis Home:** Going well. \$5800 in pledges so far. Susi Hamilton will not attend due to GA is session. Great success with Moral Mondays bus, all seats sold or sponsored, Roberta Penn encouraged participation at all Moral Mondays, W.O.W events. John Bellamy of W-15 suggested a coordination of precincts.
13. **Call for Volunteers for Merchandise Committee and Welcoming Committee:** Deb Kovach has offered to help with merchandising. Ruthie Downey offered to help organize newcomer events.
14. **Old Business:**
15. **New Business:** Andrew Barnhill stated Gant-Watt Event is 7/20. Thanked party for donation. Carter Jewell stated NC Young Dems Regional event in Wilmington 7/26-7/27, housing and food needed. Roberta Penn suggested the need for a parliamentarian. Millie Elledge stated Tannis Nelson is a possibility. E.B. Davis asked about minutes related to SEC decisions. Also asked for support related to the Love Grove train derailment issue. Lee Porter stated Randy Voller supports the Cannabis bill issue and asked for NHC Dems to also.
16. Adjournment: Motion by John Bellamy, seconded by Lynn McIntyre

Submitted by:
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Secretary NHCDP