

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting—DRAFT MINUTES

**July 21, 2014**

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

1. **Call to order:** Richard Poole called the meeting to order. Pledge led by Jeremy Wilson.
2. **Welcome, introduction of candidates and elected officials:** Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Deloris Rhodes, Susanne Werner, Jeremy Wilson, and Brenda Fong. Absent: Jennifer MacNeish. Recognized elected officials in attendance: Earl Sheridan (Wilmington City Council) and Ed McMahon (Sheriff). Recognized candidates in attendance: Emma Saunders (School Board), Chris Meek (School Board), Tom Gale (School Board), and Elizabeth Redenbaugh (N.C. Senate, Dist. 9).
3. **Presentation:** Erin Rogers, campaign manager for Elizabeth Redenbaugh for N.C. Senate (Dist. 9) campaign. Erin provided a summary of the goals and strategies utilized by the campaign as well as the various metrics the campaign uses to measure its success.
4. **Report on 2014 Unity Gala:** Rob Stidd, Chair of the 2014 Unity Gala Committee, provided a report on the planning and preparation for this year's event. The Unity Gala is September 13th at the Coastline Convention Center. Early bird tickets are available for \$55 until August 13th. The speaker list is still being finalized. More details at the NHCDP website.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Brenda Fong made the presentation. The current balance as of June 30, 2014 is \$16,506.72. The largest debits for the prior month were \$1,300 for office rent and \$500 for insurance. We had a credit of \$1,008.00 for the Memorial Day "Meet the Candidates" event.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** None.
7. **New Business:** George Vlasits made a presentation regarding a possible 50/50 raffle to support the cost of our office. Various questions were raised and the issue was tabled for the time-being. Carter Jewell made a report on the Young Democrats' efforts, including that Carter and Kyle Horton attended a YD "Lobby Day" in D.C. Ron Shackelford discussed various efforts for rides to the polls during our GOTV efforts. Ron will be coordinating these efforts with other volunteers.
8. **Old Business:** None.
9. **Announcements:** Maggie Parrish discussed an upcoming "Women Are Watching" event at the N.E. Library. "Democratic Homecoming" event on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Delphina Dos (proceeds benefiting NHCDP campaign office). Early voting hours are posted on the Board of Elections website. Millie Elledge stated that the NHC Democratic Women meet the second Thursday of every month at 6:45 p.m. at McAlisters. Ed Ablard discussed various Organizing for Action opportunities. Nelson Beaulieu provided an update on the Marshall Adame campaign (Congress, Dist. 3). There was a discussion regarding GOTV efforts in the African American community. Tom Gale and Chris Meek discussed upcoming education efforts and events for the school board candidates, including a "meet and greet" on August 23rd.
10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Maggie Parrish, seconded by Carter Jewell.

Submitted by:

Jeremy Wilson

Third Vice-Chair, NHCDP