

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting

May 20, 2013

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The meeting was convened at Morton Hall located on the campus of UNCW at 5:30 with 64 signed in on attendance logs.

1. **Call to order**, Welcome and Pledge.
2. Introductions : Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Vida Wilson, Susanne Werner, Jeremy Wilson, Brenda Fong and Jennifer MacNeish.  
Recognized Deb Butler and nominating committee, Carter Jewell for her graduation success and her services to the party, Christa Faison featured in District 7 newsletter , Judge James Faison as elected official and thanked party for supporting his daughters' achievements thru the years, Anna Ferris for her volunteer efforts and Kyle Wolfe- NHCDP summer intern, veteran.

3. **Presentation by Lainey Edmiston-** NC Pipeline Project- recruiting and supporting young Dems for public office.

4. **Business Meeting:** Plan for 2013-2014- Richard outlined several items from agenda including:
  - Fundraising goals, sustaining donations
  - Office location needed
  - Support to candidates
  - Goal to have all 43 precincts organized

Suggestion was offered to target Voter ID bill and have a plan in place to fight its effects.

5. **Precinct Officer Training Meeting June 1:** Susanne Werner- briefed on intent and content of training. Invited all to attend and bring friends and neighbors. Training to coordinate and organize entire county along NC Plan of Organization, share best practices of long time precinct chairs and educate new chairs to resources available.
6. **Events:** Social gatherings for new members and volunteers announced by Jennifer MacNeish: June 29, Northern County , hosted by Earla Pope, CF-01 Chair, 10-11am. Central County, July 27- Hugh McRae Park, 10-11am, Southern Co- early Aug near Carolina Beach - more info reference address will be sent out once all plans are finalized.
7. **Fundraising:** Richard stated emails would be sent out asking for donations from all. Either one time or monthly pledges accepted. Announce July 18 event at Nina Szlosberg's home. High end donors will be sought, all levels of donors are encouraged to attend. Unity event in planning stages, date 9/28. Robert Stidd and Jennifer MacNeish committee members.
8. **Board of Elections Nominations:** Richard stated according to the Plan of Org the county party was tasked with submitting 3 names to State Party Chair for one appointment to our local board of elections. He stated there were 2 nominees that were a consensus among officers and named the first- Nick Rhodes at which Nick Rhodes stood and asked to withdraw from consideration. Next nominee was Tannis Nelson and she rose and accepted. Discussion was led by Nancy Cox as to her attributes and Richard then opened the floor to nominees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> names. Lynn McIntyre nominated Deloris Rhodes and was seconded by Myrna Wexler. Jim Hall was nominated and stated he was reluctant but accepted. He then stated that we not send our first choice as this may not be accepted. Question was asked if we need to rank our nominees. Jim Morgan offered his experience as past chair that the process was the discretion of the executive board to discuss and send the nominees onto the State Party Chair. Owen Wexler then asked for discussion to close, seconded by Myrna. EB Davis stated that only

Chair and Vice Chairs can vote and asked whether there was a quorum present? Richard put forth a vote to accept the following slate in order : Tannis Nelson, Deloris Rhodes, Jim Hall. Unanimous ayes- no nays.

9. **Equal Rights amendment:** Cheryl Fetterman discussed and offered materials. Asked members to endorse on website or contact Sen. Kay Hagan. Jim Morgan stated a resolution supporting this was approved at District 7 convention.
10. **Treasurers Report:** Current Balance \$6984.57- report attached. Motion to accept by EB Davis, Second by Richard Mandel. Question was asked if minutes and reports could be posted online?
11. **Approval of Minutes :** Jennifer MacNeish read minutes from 3/18 NHCDP meeting submitted by Jim Hall, approved as is. Minutes of 4/20 County Convention forthcoming per Jim Hall.
12. **Old Business:** n/a
13. **New Business:** Myrna Wexler reported date for NAACP rally with Rev. Barber would be 5/31 at 3 pm at Warner Temple.  
Nancy Cox stated Voter ID bill failed due to great efforts in Jan by OFA and stated Monday rallies are getting bigger and better.  
Francine DeCoursey distributed recruitment materials for Institute of Public Leadership/ Women in Office Program courses for potential candidates.  
Lynn McIntyre asked if agenda can be placed on FB ?  
Maggie Parish stated we must bear witness to demonstrations and encouraged letters to editor, local media.  
Carter Jewell stated there would not be a meeting of the Young Dems following this meeting – will reschedule.  
Mille Elledge- Democratic Womens Chair- invited all to 6/13 meeting at Golden Coral at 6 for dinner and meeting at 7.
14. **Closing Comments** from Richard- Theme Respect/Empower/Include. Invited all to join at Blue Surf Café and adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by:  
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Secretary NHCDP