

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2013

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

1. **Welcome- Call to order:** Pledge led by Richard Poole.
2. **Welcome guests, introduce:** Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Brenda Fong , Jeremy Wilson, and Jennifer MacNeish. Recognized Council Members Earl Sheridan and Kevin O’Grady, Sheriff Ed McMahon and welcomed numerous new visitors.
3. **Presentation by:** Derek Bickel, Wilmington City Council candidate.
4. **Treasurer’s Report, Budget-** : Brenda Fong presented report for August and Sept 2013 - balance as of 9/30/2013- \$ 21,312.07.
5. **Approval of Minutes –Jennifer MacNeish-** The Sept 16 meeting minutes were distributed online for review prior to this meeting . Jennifer MacNeish asked for any comments or changes – John McHarry motioned that we delete everything in item 6 once it was revealed a quorum was not present. Discussion in depth and hand vote was taken of all eligible voters and the motion failed. Motion to accept September minutes as posted online by Jeremy Wilson and seconded by Nick Rhodes. 19 yays- 0 nays.
6. **Report from Chairman’s Advisory Committee:** Nick Rhodes outlined the group’s suggestions and recognized members present- Rob Zapple, Owen Wexler, Jeremy Wilson, and Lynn McIntyre. The suggestions were: stable meeting place, public phone #, co-ordination with candidates, office location( possibly the mall), a strategic plan, fundraising committee, candidate recruitment committee and to strengthen relationships with affiliates.
7. **Call for volunteers for Wilmington GOTV:** The following Sat- meeting at Steve Kelly’s house at 9 for canvassing and phone banking. Phone lists can be obtained for specific precincts by contacting John McHarry. The list can be emailed. Everyone was encouraged to help to encourage turn out as the number at this time are really low. Request for volunteers at the polls.
8. **Call for Volunteers for tables at Latino Festival on 11/9 ( Jennifer MacNeish) and Cape Fear Fair and Expo(Polly Shaver 11/1-11/10):** Contact Polly if you wish to help at fair and Jennifer about Latino Festival.
9. **Old Business:** Veda Wilson will stepping down as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice due to health concerns and her replacement will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. **New Business:** Carter Jewell announced a gathering of all Young Dems age 18-35 at Ted’s on Tues from 6-9. Strictly a social to gain members. Ruthie working on a presentation about Koch brothers – stayed tuned for more info. Last 2 candidate forums are Tues for Carolina Beach and Wed for City of Wilmington. Elizabeth Redenbaugh reported on NCLead training she attended for candidates. Great info and tools for anyone considering running. Another scheduled in March. Lynn McIntyre announced W-29 event on Oct. 26 at Coastline Convention marking 50 years of service, tickets are \$50.
11. **Adjournment:** Motion by Owen Wexler, seconded by Bill Cottingham.

Submitted by:  
Jennifer H. MacNeish  
Secretary NHCDP