

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting

September 16, 2013

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

1. **Call to order:** Pledge led by Richard Poole.
2. **Welcome guests, introduce:** Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Veda Wilson, Susanne Werner, Jeremy Wilson, Andrew Barnhill and Jennifer MacNeish. Recognized Council Member Margaret Haynes and welcomed numerous new visitors.
3. **Presentation by:** Councilman Earl Sheridan
4. **Treasurer's Report, BOE Reporting Update, Budget-** : Brenda Fong not present.
5. **Approval of Minutes –Jennifer MacNeish-** The August 19 meeting minutes were distributed online for review prior to this meeting . Jennifer MacNeish asked for any comments or changes – none given. Motion to accept August notes as posted online by Maggie Parrish and seconded by Elizabeth Redenbaugh. All yas- no nays.
6. **Report on Precinct Organization Efforts for 2013 Municipal Election:** Richard Poole highlighted the GOTV efforts and brought up discussion of endorsing candidates with door hanger. Discussion at length reference supporting incumbents vs all Dems who file. Motion put forth by Rob Zapple to support only incumbents and seconded by Roberta Penn. EB Davis stated choosing only incumbents was not fair to all who filed. Richard asked District Chair Jim Morgan as to the party protocol related to endorsing and Jim stated that there was not a specific mention of the issue in the Plan of Org and in the past the party did not choose if there were a primary. Steve Kelly asked for the discussion to be tabled. A call for quorum was made by Margaret Haynes and a hand count of eligible votes were taken at 23 and it was stated that there was enough for a vote. Margaret Haynes called for a show of hands as to consensus on promoting all Dems and targeting Democratic voters as the city elections have been successful for Dems. 31 hands For and 8 Opposed.
7. Item removed due to no quorum
8. **HS Dems:** Patrick Peoples stated an effort is being made for all schools to have chapters and will coordinate their efforts with GOTV and electioneering
9. **New Business:** Dem Women Membership Drive 10/10/13, 5-7pm at Teds on the River. Hollis announced the Cape Fear Classic at Legion Stadium on 9/21, 1p.m., and Wilmington Tigers game 9/28 at 7p.m.- invited members to come meet people, register voters and support these events. Deloris Rhodes announced education summit to be held at UNCW Watson School of Education on 10/17, 4-6p.m.. Moderated by Frances Weller and will host NC State delegates.
10. **Report on Precincts:** Susanne Werner- Voter registration drives ongoing and meeting at Steve Kelly's on Sat. Anyone interested should contact Susanne or Steve. Concentrating on city precincts to encourage Dems to come out and vote. W-3 's Lucille Waddell has passed the chair role to Wilhomenia Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month W-29 meets per EB Davis, Polly Shaver announced an event on 11/10 to honor vets- more info to come, and she will be hosting a spot for Dems to register voters at the Cape Fear Fair.
11. **Report On Unity Gala Planing and Budget- Robert Stidd:** Coming along well, tickets still available online and accepting sponsorships.
12. **Old Business:** none
13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Polly Shaver, seconded by Roberta Penn.

Submitted by:  
Jennifer H. MacNeish  
Secretary NHCDP