

Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by Marilyn Priddy (substituting for Denise Mirandola)  
Brunswick County Democratic Party  
4/11/19

Introduction (agenda items 1 - 3)

Newly-elected Chair Tom Sapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Changes to the order of business on the agenda were announced, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Cameron Parker led the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

Guest speakers (agenda items 4 - 5)

Kim Hatfield introduced Cisco Davey who is working with the Dan McCready campaign. Cisco described how he came from Moab, Utah to help elect Dan McCready to the US Congress for NC District 9. A new election will be held this fall after the November 2018 election results were not certified following the discovery of election fraud by operatives for the NC Republican party. He said there are still many unregistered voters in the District. Cisco asked volunteers to contact Kim Hatfield ([kimhatfield53@yahoo.com](mailto:kimhatfield53@yahoo.com)) to assist with phone banks and door knocking. Cisco gave attendees his contact info:

Email: [fdavey@danmcready.com](mailto:fdavey@danmcready.com)

Phone: 435-260-9418

Dwight Willis introduced the next speaker, Johnny Guadalupe Shaver, who won last year's Rockin' Democracy essay contest. Johnny is a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Hispanic Caucus and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair of the Duplin County Democratic Party. He is a student at UNCW and is working to have more representation in the NC General Assembly through the Hispanic caucus and education and by winning elections.

Treasurer report and Minutes (agenda items 6 - 7)

Treasurer Dwight Willis reviewed the Treasurer's Report for 3/1/19 - 3/31/19. Following a motion and second, members approved the report. Dwight reminded the audience that donations over \$50 must be by check and that recurring donations, for example \$10/month through ActBlue, help with building expenses. Regarding building expenses, Dwight reported that 10 or fewer NC county Democratic parties own a building, that renting the building once a month covers building expenses, and that the BCDP website includes a building rental form.

Minutes from the last meeting were posted on the website. Tom Sapp asked if there were any corrections, but none were reported. Following a motion, which was seconded, members approved the minutes.

Roles of Officers and Teams (agenda items 8 - 9)

Tom Sapp introduced each of the newly elected officers and asked them to describe their responsibilities. The following officers gave short descriptions of their goals as officers:

- Lisa Mosca, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
- Rob Priddy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- Cameron Parker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair
- Dwight Willis, Treasurer

- Secretary Denise Mirandola was absent due to a death in the family.

During her presentation, Lisa announced she will meet with precinct chairs at 6:30 pm on 5/19/19 in the headquarters. The purpose of the meeting is to gather ideas for contacting voters and to improve the effectiveness of precincts. Rob said he would be assisting with VoteBuilder and training per the NCDP's Plan of Organization. Cameron said he would concentrate on communication and community outreach. Camerson said he would also continue working with the BC Young Democrats.

Tom reviewed duties of teams for the following areas and recognized the current team leaders:

- Communications (Jeff Zalles and Melissa Warren)
- Building & Grounds (Janis Simmons and Boyd Williamson)
- Legislative Action (Bob Bannerman)
- Hospitality

The team leaders that were present joined the discussion. Tom emphasized the key purpose of the teams is to support the precincts and to provide tools to make them more effective. Tom noted the projects teams will undertake cover a wide range of activities including advocacy for Medicaid expansion (Legislative), gutter cleaning (Building), VoteBuilder and data entry (Technology), writing letters to the editor (Communications) and greeting newcomers (Hospitality). Tom noted these were just a few examples of team activities and encouraged participation, noting that there is something for everyone.

#### Upcoming events (agenda items 10 - 12)

Eileen Farrell announced registration was still open for the Region 9 Democratic Women's Convention, which is being hosted by the BC Democratic women on 4/13/19 at the headquarters and includes 9 southeastern NC counties. Scheduled speakers include Terry Van Dyne, a candidate for NC Lt. Governor, and Julia Buchner, Chair of the NCDW. Eileen also announced the May BCDW meeting will be held at Sunny Side Up in Calabash. She noted the recent decision to take the meetings "on the road" resulted in a good turnout for the March meeting, which was held at Blossoms in Leland.

Wesley Brown, Chair of the BC Senior Democrats, invited members to see Alice Lohr to register for the annual statewide convention, which will be held in Wilmington this year on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Wesley said the BC Senior Democrats are holding a membership drive. Dues are \$10/year and their primary focus this year will be voter ID. He said the BC Senior Democrats meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Their May meeting will be at the Mt. Calvary AME Church at 325 Main, Navassa.

Belville 3 Precinct Chair Mike Rush asked members to visit the BC Democratic booth at Belville Founders Day, which will be held at the Brunswick Riverwalk in Belville on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike said volunteers from Belville Precincts 1,2, & 3 are working at the booth and that there were many visitors at the booth during previous years. He also reported that a document that will help other precincts organize events is available on the website under the Resources tab.

#### SEC Delegates Revision & David Sink (agenda items 13 - 14)

Tom Sapp announced that there will be no SEC alternates, even though they were elected during the county convention. He said the proper procedure is that elected

delegates get to choose who to send as a proxy if they cannot attend the SEC meetings. Tom also reported that he is sending an appeal to the NCDP so he can be included as an SEC delegate. He said the rules state that the County Democratic Party Chair is automatically included as a delegate, but since he was not on the ballot, he was not elected.

David Sink's announcement that he will run against Republican incumbent Bill Rabon for the NC State Senate District 8 was greeted with warm applause. David gave attendees a form on which to list the top 3 issues to be addressed by the NC Senate. He said that during his previous campaign he learned three lessons: to listen more, to have more social activities, and not to be bashful about asking for donations.

#### Announcements & Adjournment (agenda items 15 -16)

Tom Sapp welcomed visitors and reviewed the announcements listed the agenda, noting minor changes. Charles Warren added that the Juneteenth banquet will be held at the St. James Community Center on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tom Simmons had the winning ticket for the first 50/50 raffle drawing, and he donated his winnings to the BCDP. Cameron Parker won the second drawing for a vase of fresh flowers. Cameron donated the flowers to the BCDW for their upcoming luncheon.

Emma Myles moved that the meeting be adjourned and Rob Priddy seconded the motion. Tom Sapp adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 pm.