

## BCDP Monthly Meeting

July 11, 2019 7:04 PM

The meeting was opened by Chair Tom Sapp. Changes to the agenda were accepted. Denise Mirandola led the pledge and asked for a moment of silence.

The speaker was Caroline Morin-Gage, from ACLU; she spoke on Criminal Justice Reform, focusing on the Cash Bail System. A Q&A session followed her presentation.

A motion was made by Dale Todd and seconded by Gordon Hume to accept the minutes as presented on the website.

Dwight Willis presented the treasurer's report including the addition of a Wind and Hail policy on our building as of June 1, 2019. He thanked all those who donated towards the policy premium and said that donations can continue to be made. He addressed a question regarding Acc'ts. 1 and 2. Acc't. 1 is the general fund and 2 is the building fund. He added that the electric bill dropped significantly when the two old refrigerators were replaced with newer models. Rob Priddy thanked Tom Sapp for taking care of it.

Carol Schaaf spoke about the success of the showing of Sonic Seas movie at the SW Brunswick county Library where 49 people attended. It was sponsored by Singletree 1 and 2, Longwood, Frying Pan and Grissettown Precincts. She thanked all those who helped.

Tom Sapp spoke about the July 6, 2019, peaceful protest in Calabash. There were about 75 people in attendance and received press coverage.

A town hall in Myrtle Beach with Kamala Harris was well attended and well represented by Brunswick County residents.

Tom also reported on the Jim Clyburn Fish Fry in June; 4 members attended.

### **Committee and Caucus Reports**

Building Team: Janis Simmons reported on the Brick Garden. 103 bricks were ordered and will arrive 2 weeks after the final order is placed. A sample brick was on hand. Bricks are still available for purchase.

Communications Team: The next meeting will be held on July 30, 2019, at 6:00 PM. A newsletter was put out. A template for the newsletter is in progress.

Legislative Committee: Bob Bannerman spoke about the gerrymandering issue and H 140. He invited others to join him on July 15 in Raleigh to support the bill. Bob commented on the Small Business Retirement Savings study Bill that passed the House. An announcement was made regarding a release from Deb Butler that the Governor's veto of the budget was still in place as of 8:38 last evening. The next Team meeting will be on July 31, 2019, at 1:00 PM.

Technology Team: Rob Priddy reported on Vote builder Training. There will be 2 sessions next week – one in Ocean Isle Beach and one at HQ. There will be more training in the near future, hopefully in the

northern part of the County if a suitable facility can be found with WiFi. Rob thanked Linda Ruddick for her help.

Senior Dems: Wes Brown commented on their last meeting with Tom Sapp as the guest speaker. Their next meeting is in September. They are working on voter registration and voter ID. Tom advised all to go to Board of Election to get voter ID cards, not the DMV.

Democratic Women: Eileen Farrell noted that the speaker this evening also addressed the women's group. The meeting in September will be in Southport. She asked for slightly used children books for\_\_\_\_\_.

A new member had to leave before being addressed. Ron Veronese explained that he signed up 3 new members at the Peaceful Protest.

### **Prizes**

Door prize winners were Spring Harkins and Gordon Hume. 50-50 raffle winner was Emma Miles (\$30.) A second prize of flowers went to Mac Jones.

### **Candidates**

James Dawkins, running for District 17 seat, addressed the meeting stating that he would work on ending Cash Bail if elected. He added that he is against an ICE facility in NC. He asked for support for his campaign.

Janis Simmons asked for support for Tom Simmons who is also running for the District 17 election.

Rob Priddy reminded all that there are several municipal vacancies out there. The deadline to sign up is July 19, 2019.

### **Announcements**

SOBAD Golf Tournament will take place on Aug. 25, 2019, at Sand Piper course. Donations are being accepted for prizes.

On July 20, 2019, there will be a You Can vote Symposium presented by Caroline Morin-Gage in Wilmington from 10:00 AM to noon at 4313 Lake Avenue.

Tom will set up Watch Parties at HQ for the Democratic debates on July 30 and 31 if there is interest. Our next meeting on Aug. 8, 2019, will include an ice cream/cake social, an ice cream making contest, and a Silent auction. The speaker will be announced later.

Friday, July 12, 2019, 8-9:30 PM in Wilmington – Lights for Liberty will take place as a vigil protesting concentration camps. There will also be one in Southport on the same date at 8:30 on the Waterfront.

On Aug. 27, 2019, at 6:00 PM there will be a Public Hearing by the Board of Election regarding early and Sunday voting for the March, 2020, primaries. A Board of Election meeting will occur on Monday July 15, 2019, at 2:00.

2020 Precinct organization meetings will take place on Feb. 15, 2020. Delegates will be elected to the convention. The meetings must be advertised 2 weeks ahead of time. March 14, 2020, will be the make-up day.

The County Convention will take place on March 28, 2020, and the district convention will take place on April 25, 2020.