



Dec. 12, 2019

Minutes from Monthly Meeting

Chair Tom Sapp opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Dwight Willis led the Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence. He then introduced Mark Jewell.

After his presentation, the chair thanked him and offered that we, the BCDP, agree with and support educators and their needs.

Several other candidates spoke for 5 minutes each.

State Treasurer candidates – Ronnie Chatterji and Matther Leatherman

Superintendent of Public Education candidates – James Barret. Michael Maher, Jen Mangrum, and Keith Sutton

The Chair recognized several other candidates in the audience who spoke briefly. Tom Simmons, David Sink, Bill Flythe, and Marcia Morgan.

He also thanked the “bricklayers” who finished the Brick Garden – David Johnson and Alice Bean.

A motion was made by Mac Jones and seconded by Dale Todd to recess the meeting for refreshments and time to chat with candidates. Motion passed.

At 7:30, Chair Tom Sapp called the meeting to order again. Raffle winners were picked. David Sink one \$51 in the 50/50 raffle. Edna Jones won the flowers. A door prize of a mug was won by Bea Flythe and poinsettias by Ed Lewis and Rex Simmons.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Nov. 14 meeting by Teddy Altruer and seconded by Ron Veronese. Motion passed.

Dwight Willis offered the Treasurer’s report with \$342.37 in the General Fund.

Team Reports

Communications Team – Arthur Hill reported on the meeting held a few weeks before. The goal of the team is to provide support to the Party in the County in the next year. The team is looking at the strategic plan and devising a communication plan around it in an effort to have our voices heard. The next meeting is Dec. 16 at 2:00.

Legislative Team – Bob Bannerman reported on gerrymandering issue. We won 2 law suits as the districting was in violation of the constitution and an order was set to redraw maps for 2020. Work will continue to be down on redrawing districts after the 2020 census. The opioid issue continues to be a problem especially in light of the lack of Medicaid expansion in NC. The focus in 2020 will be to get funding to provide treatment centers. The third issue is broadband expansion, especially in rural areas where school districts can be without internet access. Can we support HB 431 to provide tech changes in laws that govern communications. Elijah Cummings’s prescription drug act to reduce costs passed the House. McConnell says it won’t pass the Senate. Dwight Willis asked all to call Tillis and Burr and ask them to pass it. The Legislative team will meet on Jan. 2, 2020, at 1:00.

The Chair explained that Mobilize America can help us find things happening in Brunswick County. Brian ?????????? will take the lead here.

Senior Dems – We Brown thanked Tom Sapp for his continued support of the Sr. Democrats. They are taking a break in Dec and will continue meetings in Jan.

Dem Women – Eileen Farrell thanked Tom Sapp for his support and leadership with the County Dems. The next meeting will occur in Leland at Cape fear Seafood on Jan. 22. Bonnie Richardson will be the guest speaker. Two women from Shingletree made a quilt to be raffled off by the BCDP. Ticket sales will begin in January, and the winner will be drawn at the County meeting in March. Tickets are \$5 each.

Young Dems – Kevin Roberts and friends helped with parking today before the meeting.

Old Business – Rob Priddy needs voter lists as soon as possible. New voter lists may not be complete because voters who were not here yet did not vote in 2016.

New Business – Someone filed this evening to run against Rouser.

Announcements and Future Events

- There will be a fundraising spaghetti dinner in Feb. for a young man from Ocean Isle who needs a liver transplant. The dinner is sponsored by the Grissettown Precinct. \$20 tickets.
- Brick Garden - You can still buy a brick!!
- Precinct Organization meetings Feb 15, 2020; 10:00 AM
- Primary, March 3, 2020
- Precinct organizations Make up day March 14, 2020
- FEED THE BLUE WAVE Reverse Raffle Event, March 21, 2020, at Stone chimney Center. Tickets \$50
- County Convention, March 28, 2020 10:00 AM at HQ

Linda Ruddick moved to adjourn the meeting. David Sink seconded. Motion passed.