

Chair Tom Sapp called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Tom had no changes to the agenda. He led the pledge and asked for a moment of silence.

Local candidates Tom Simmons and Bill Flythe made comments and thanked everyone for their support during the elections.

Joanne Levitan mentioned that there is an opportunity to join the GenX PFAS study for any residents living here before 2016. She will send out the info in the newsletter.

Secretary – Motion was made by Eileen Farrell and seconded by Mike Rush to approve the minutes from the October 8. Motion passed.

Denise thanked everyone who worked so hard for the past few months. She organized the calendars for volunteers at the office and at the polls. There were an amazing number of people who volunteered through Sign Up Genius and phone calls to the office – lots of new people!! She thanked the officers for their time and consistent efforts with Zoom meetings every Tuesday morning. She also thanked all who made the blood drive in September a great success. She offered a special thanks to Tom Sapp who worked relentlessly (maybe having a cot in the office?), helped everyone, and was never too busy to take a call!

Treasurer - Dwight Willis gave the treasurer's report. We had a balance of \$20 990.56, \$16700 of which are in designated funds and \$4281.61 are in the operating budget. Dwight explained the exempt status we used when selling signs in amounts under \$50. He offered a copy of the financial report to anyone who asked. Dwight made an announcement regarding his and Becky's plans to move to Denver in the near future. He asked for someone to take on the duties of the Treasurer as soon as possible so that he can help with a smooth transition. All were sad to hear of the Willis Family leaving us, but all wished them well. Becky added that her seat on the Board of elections will be opened. She remarked that a strong female voice is needed on the Board. She added that two recounts will take place next week, for Beasley and Attorney General. She thanked all for the confidence we showed in her. Linda Ruddick asked about an item of the financial report regarding \$1000 from the NCDP. Dwight said we got that from the state on Oct. 31. Linda asked if that was a first. Dwight answered that before, the state gave half of the sustaining funds back after Hurricane Florence. Tom added that each county got a different sum.

Communications Team - Arthur Hill commented that he was proud to work with the Communications Team. His only regret was that he was not here at the beginning of 2019. He's here now and will continue, fortunately! Tom thanked Art and his team for their hard work and many good ideas.

Legislative – No report

1st Vice Chair – Lisa Mosca thanked all who volunteered as poll greeters during early voting including the captains who made sure tables and PPE were ready every morning. Lis volunteered to organize a toy/assistance drive through Brunswick Family Assistance for the Christmas Season. She has learned that there is a dire need in the community. She will send out an email with instructions. Volunteers will be needed to sort and distribute items at BFA from Nov. 30 to Dec. 16. Monetary donations can be made in lieu of gifts or food items. Lisa will co-ordinate the acceptance of gifts at HQ on Dec. 1 and 2.

Tom thanked Lisa for all of her hard work during early voting and for taking on this project. Denise Mirandola offered to assist Lisa.

2nd Vice Chair – Rob Priddy reported on Virtual Phone Banking - over 17000 calls were made. Rob offered Kudos to Bill McHugh for all his time and effort in working with volunteers. Out of 114,610 registered voters, 78,798 people voted. 19280 Democrats and 32502 Republicans and 26693 unaffiliated. 78% of voters voted. We should examine how we approach voters and organize the community next time to bring out more Ds. We thought unaffiliated may have helped us more, but that was an unknown. Tom suggested that we need a new message for unaffiliated voters. There was not much difference from 2018. Linda Ruddick asked what percentage of democrats cast ballots. The numbers are not in yet. Tim Williams asked if we know the registered voters who did not vote. Answer is yes. Kathleen Yonce asked a question about newly registered voters. Lisa explained that for every 10 new Dems, there are 20 new Republicans and 10-15 new unaffiliated.

3rd Vice Chair - Paula Clarity explained that this was her first election working with the Communications Team. The Board of Election Team was a very hard working group of people. No one can say we didn't do enough. She thanked all for allowing her to be a part of it. Paula's name was mentioned as a replacement for Becky Willis on the Board of Elections.

Senior Dems – Wes Brown thanked Neil Gilbert for his help as well as Alice _____, Marion Walker, and Tom Sapp. He added that we made a great choice when we elected Tom as chair. He did anything asked of him!

Women Democrats – Eileen Farrell thanked Tom Sapp for his tireless leadership. The Democratic Women are taking a break until January, 2121. She noted that the Women's banner is missing and asked for all to be on the lookout for it.

Ron Veronese offered some insight on the canvassing that was going on in NC to help rectify provisional ballots. He worked in the Wilmington area, knocking on doors of people whose ballots were identified as provisional and helping them to correct any problems. He worked mainly with college students. NCDP was well organized in this effort using sophisticated apps with names, maps, notes to help voters fix ballots. He added that working as a poll worker was a very good experience. Maria Riccobono, an early voting captain, thanked all who helped with the poll greeters. She commented that many people said that it was good to know that there were Dems there. She thanked Tom and the County party. She is proud to be a Democrat!!!

Tom Sapp thanked everyone for their work. We did as well as 2016 and 2018; other places did worse. We held our course. Former Governor Jim Hunt thanked Tom for the work we did. Tom said that Roy Cooper commented that winning never felt so bad!!

Tom added that Biden Harris signs are very popular! Any democrat signs that can be gathered – but NOT from private property – should be stored behind the building until we get a dumpster to collect them.

Dwight Willis thanked Board of Election Members Ed Lewis, Boyd Williamson and Becky Willis.

Old Business – Finally, we had the quilt drawing, made by Jean Kenny and Nancy Rementer. Emma Myles won!! Second prize of a gift basket from Grape and Ale went to Frank Rementer.

New Business – Linda Ruddick asked if we were doing anything to thank Sara Knots and all her hard work with the Board of Elections. Tom has done so personally. Maria Riccobono suggested making a donation in her name or the name of the Board of Elections.

Announcements – SEC meeting Sat. Feb. 27, 2021

Precinct Reorganization meetings from Sat. March 6 to Sat. March 20

County Convention Sat., April 4; make up day Sat., April 17

Congressional 7th District meeting Sat., May 22, 2021

We will be electing precinct chairs and a county chair

County Executive Committee will meet in December.

We should work on By Laws...Paula Clarity has started.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Paula Clarity and second by Eileen Farrell.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Mirandola

Sec. BCDP

NEXT BCDP MONTHLY MEETING December 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Thanks to Dave Johnson for finding someone to donate an ipad to the office.