

BCDP General Meeting – January 10, 2019

Chair Janis Simmons welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

Cameron Parker, 1st Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence. He then performed a roll call by precinct.

Treasury Report: Dwight reviewed party finances. Our taxes have been paid and our annual report submitted to the State. Many of our candidates donated their campaign funds to the Party. Our annual building insurance bill is generally due in early February. Monthly Treasury reports are available at HQ for review upon request.

Volunteer Assistance for District 9 Candidates: Kim Hatfield discussed providing assistance to Dan McCready's campaign (District 9) if a new election is called. If interested, please submit your contact information (name, email address, phone number) to any BCDP Officer, who will pass info to Kim. Dan will need donations. Kim will post a donation link on the Brunswick County Democrats FB page, as well as a mailing address for checks by snail mail.

2020 Elections: Rob Priddy provided a list of local, state and national positions coming up for election and discussed the Brunswick County seats up for election in 2020. This includes various judges, and County Commissioners Pat Sykes (District 3), Mike Forte (District 4) and Frank Williams (District 5). Board of Education: Ed Lemon (District 1), Catherine Cooke (District 2) and Ellen Milligan (District 4). Rob also reviewed the BC voting districts. We need candidates. You must live in the district if you are running for a particular seat. Candidates need to declare as soon as possible to promote name recognition and initiate fundraising. He also reminded members that we need candidates for our upcoming BCDP Officer election at the County Convention; all positions will be available.

Poll Worker Sign-up and Training info: There is no training planned until August, for the municipal elections. Start thinking about whether you would want one of these paid positions in the polls. Please submit your name to Janis or to the new Chair.

Precinct Organization: Packets for organization meetings were distributed to Precinct Chairs. Linda Rudick, 2nd VC, reviewed the packets and the procedures for organizing. Precinct Chairs were informed of the number of delegates they are allotted and the amount of each precinct's Sustaining Funds due. Kristen Colleran, BCDP Secretary, submitted an announcement to the local media regarding precinct organization locations. Joanne Levitan posted the dates/times/locations of various precinct meetings on the BCDP Calendar. Precinct Organization at HQ will be on Saturday, February 9th. Doors open at 9:30am, the meeting will commence at 10am. All information should be completed, and Sustaining Funds collected, by the end of the meeting. For precincts NOT meeting at HQ to organize, paperwork and Sustaining Funds must be submitted by February 18th (Due date changed to Feb 15th. Email sent to chairs).

You Can Vote: Secretary Kristen Colleran provided background information on and activities of the YCV organization. A Community Forum is planned for Saturday, March 16 from 10:30am-noon. Location is to be determined. If anyone has suggestions on a location which can facilitate 120-150 attendees, please contact Kristen.

County Convention: Graig Meyer will be our featured speaker. Cameron Parker, 1st VC, will create the Agenda for the Convention. Party Officers for the County will be elected at the Convention (2 year term). Interested candidates should submit their name to Janis by March 14, although nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Descriptions of the positions may be found on our website under the Plan of Organization.

Young Democrats: Cameron Parker met with Mia to discuss the focus/plans of the Young Dems. They will be meeting on Thursdays at 1:00pm at the HS. Cameron will be able to liaise with them at these meetings. They discussed becoming involved with Precincts. Their first meeting will be on January 17th.

Brick Garden Progress: The original mason relocated. Once the Precincts are organized, Janis will return her focus to the garden.

The **Communications Committee** will next meet on at 6:00pm, on Thursday, January 17. They are meeting at HQ. If you have a talent for writing, with graphics, web design, etc. please consider attending.

State Executive Committee Meeting is being held in Charlotte on Saturday, January 26th. The 2 proxies filling in for Joanne Levitan and Bill Flythe are Cameron Parker, 1st VC and Tom Sapp, OKI 2 Precinct Chair. The Spring Meeting was missed due to inclement weather.

Senior Democrats: Alice Lohr presented information about this auxiliary group focused on senior issues. Dues are \$5 per year and that money goes to the State Party. The group will be looking towards fundraising. Although they have been meeting in different regions of the county, they are considering a more permanent location for meetings. They typically meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

State Board of Elections: Discussion ensued regarding the duties of and time required to serve on the County Board of Elections. Applications for County Board of Election are available from Janis Simmons, Chair. Deadline for application submission is January 25th.

Announcements: Congratulations to Representative Deb Butler who was elected Democratic Minority Whip in the NC House today!

The **Women's March in Washington, DC** is at 10am in DC.

The **Myrtle Beach Women's March** is on Saturday, January 19th, at Chapin Park, 11:00-1:30pm.

The **Wilmington Women's March** will take place on Saturday, January 26th, starting at 11:45am from 102 N. Third Street, ending in a rally at Riverfront Park.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Charles Warren!

The meeting was adjourned.

THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING. PLEASE CHECK WITH BCDW regarding Democratic Women's February Meeting.