

Chair Tom Sapp called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Changes to the agenda. Included a guest speaker at 7:50 PM –  
He led the pledge and asked for a moment of silence.

Melvin Williams, NC Democratic Party Secretary, addressed the group and thanked us for all we've done. Brunswick County was the best organized county in the state. He complimented us on the billboards, the toy/food drive, and the votes for democrats!!!! Melvin Williams stated that Brunswick County was the best organized county in the state. He will share a link to his newsletter which will have an update from Brunswick County. He congratulated all members of the county party. He said that Dwight Willis will be missed.

Paula recognized a Santa Claus figure in the audience.

Quintin McGee offered thanks for helping him be elected to a Judge position. He was sworn in on Friday, Dec. 11, in Bolivia.

Jeff Zalles thanked all who worked so hard during the election and many who went beyond the call of duty. In an effort to recognize those people, the County Party has established a Brunswick County Democrat of the Year that will be awarded every year. The award has name slots for 10 years. The first name on the list is Thomas Sapp! His efforts most definitely went beyond what any could have expected. Tom was moved, honored, and stunned. The award will be known as The Sappy Award. Austin presented Tom's plaque to him.

**Secretary** – Motion was made by Mike Rush and seconded by Paula Clarity to approve the minutes from the November 8 minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer** - Dwight Willis gave the treasurer's report. He will be leaving in January some time and will resign at the January meeting. Tom will appoint a treasurer the next day, then we will elect. The Executive Council met to discuss this, and it will be finalized at the Executive Committee meeting. A Finance Committee will be formed, and the Treasurer will be the chair. Dwight and Tom have met with the Finance Committee and have done some training. Dwight has done a great job, but we have had little redundancy which is necessary. Dwight and Becky will be available for help. The Building Committee will fall under the Treasurer as well. Dwight announced a balance of \$20,429.50. We are OK for now; insurance is due in February. Income for month was \$653 and expenditures were \$1340. There is \$16,000 in designated funds. We will need to pick up contributions soon. If anyone wants a copy of the report, please email Dwight at [dwillis1952@gmail.com](mailto:dwillis1952@gmail.com). A few people have stepped forward to be a part of the Finance Committee. There will be training for them. The computer Dwight has been using will stay with the Treasurer. Dwight thanked all for working with the party. He encouraged everyone to keep spirits up in a red county. He also thanked Austin Sapp for letting us have Tom so often! Dwight's report was accepted.

**1st Vice Chair** - Lisa commented on the toy/food drive for Brunswick Family Assistance. She thanked Denise Mirandola and Paula Clarity for their help. Forty-five people were adopted by 17 people. Twenty people made donations of food and toys/gifts for 12-16 year olds. BFA had 125 people not adopted; the donations helped to provide for many of them.

**2nd Vice Chair** - Rob Priddy thanked all who volunteered during the election and to Bill McHugh for his efforts. He added that we still need people to step up because several of the officers are stepping down. Rob let us know that Nash County turned blue, so it is possible.

**3rd Vice Chair** - Paula Clarity thanked the Communications Committee for their ideas, articles, and billboards. She is working on By-Laws for the County Party with Denise starting with job descriptions so that they will be available for anyone who would be interested in running. Paula and Tom are busy monitoring the recounts in the County.

Secretary comments - Denise thanked everyone who worked so hard for the past few months and congratulated Tom on his award. She wanted all to know that so very many people came forward to volunteer and donate their time and efforts. Denise also thanked Dwight and Becky!

Guest Speaker – Dr. Richardson, First Vice Chair of NC Democratic Party, candidate for Chair of the State Democratic Party. She encouraged all not lose heart; we must persist. We must start to work on 2022 right now. NC is a purple state!

**Communications Team** - No report

**Legislative** – No report

**Senior Dems** – Wes Brown - no report

**Women Democrats** – Eileen Farrell thanked Tom Sapp for his tireless leadership and congratulated him on his award. She also thanked Dwight and all volunteers at the polls. The Democratic Women will meet the end of January, 2021; they will assess the vacancies in offices.

**Old Business** – The Supreme Court recount is still going on in a convoluted process. The signs have been removed and cleaned up. Neil Gilbert handled the metal recycling. Thank you!

**New Business** – Elections will be held in April; Precinct reorganization will take place in March. Tom stated that everyone needs to be an officer at some time. All positions are open. It is difficult to recruit youth as there are not many people in the 18 – 24 age group in the area. Rob Priddy commented that we need a dives group. There will be a vacancy on the Board of elections. Becky will remain in the position as long as possible so that we do not have a lapse in the position. A new Plan of Organization is in the works.

**Announcements** – SEC meeting Sat. Feb. 27, 2021 and August 7, 2121  
Precinct Reorganization meetings from Sat. March 6 to Sat. March 20, 2121  
County Convention Sat., April 4; make up day Sat., April 17, 2121  
Congressional 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting Sat., May 22, 2021  
The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Paula Clarity and second by Eileen Farrell.

Ugly Christmas sweater contest results; Joanne Levitan won the Google Mini in first place, and Denise won a beach table in second place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise A. Mirandola  
Sec. BCDP

NEXT BCDP MONTHLY MEETING January 14, 2121  
7:00 PM

Same link to register: <https://bit.ly/BrunsDems>