

Brunswick County Democratic Party
October 10, 2019 meeting minutes

Chair Tom Sapp called meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Chair Sapp advised that Deb Butler won the 2019 Tammy Baldwin Breakout award.

Chair Sapp thanks all those who supported/voted for Deb Butler.

Agenda was reviewed.

Motion to accept by Dale Todd. Second by James Dawkins. Approved.

The following candidates had brief presentations:

James Dawkins-2020 candidate for NC House 19th district

Shared personal history; family economic struggles of his youth; witnessing mother's domestic abuse challenges/gun violence; all which has given him motivation to face NRA & other organizations in best interest of Brunswick County. He thanked all for support in his campaign.

Marcia Morgan-2020 candidate for NC House 19th District

Shared history & qualifications for running. Educator with undergraduate/masters/doctorate degrees; taught at Smith College; 25 yrs service in US Army; global tours included Korea/Germany/Pentagon Joint Staff; ran against Ted Davis in 2018- first campaign, lost by 800 votes to incumbent Davis; Believes politics is another opportunity for service following careers in education/military service. She thanked all for support in her campaign.

Candy Adams spoke on behalf of David Sink; candidate NCSenate District 8

Ms. Adams advised Mr. Sink needs volunteers to help with his campaign. Phone calls/graphics Meet & Greets; Mr. Sink is currently scheduling precinct listening tour; & will be scheduling campaign kickoff events; upcoming event Leland, Saturday Nov 30; Rotary Pancake Breakfast More details will be provided

Guest Speaker:

Anna Nunn-NC Senate Democratic Caucus Finance Director

Was successful campaign manager for Susi Hamilton/Deb Butler/Harper Peterson & assisted Marcia Morgan in 2018 campaign v. Ted Davis. She emphasized how every vote counts- Peterson won by 231 votes & this seat broke the super majority in the state senate.

She reviewed the current revised maps for NC districts. She opined the Senate maps will hold; but House maps courts will likely want redrawn.

NC will be very important battleground in 2020 election. Resources will be poured into state by opposing party. As all are being solicited for financial contributions, Ms. Nunn requested all please remember financial support needed for state legislature, as well.

Guest Presenter

Demorrio Thomas- Partnership Specialist US Census Bureau

He provided information re: upcoming 2020 census via power point.

Census goal is to count everyone once; only once & in the right place.

He emphasized everyone counts.

Currently in the education/encouragement phase prior to actual census.

Correct/accurate census data can result in money/power for state.

Power with representation in Congress/House of Representatives & money in additional funds to state. In 2010 response rate was 76%; county was 75%; in 2020 NC Governor set 82% goal.

NC could gain an additional seat in congress.

Census data used in multiple ways for educational needs/healthcare/transportation, etc.

2020 goal in census taking is to eliminate paper & complete short 10 min form online. Postcards will be mailed in May with an access code. Can also complete via phone. If needed, personal enumerators, with laptops will knock on doors.

Census workers needed, website census.gov/field jobs for more info for positions & all other info.

Treasurer's Report

Brief presentation by Mr. Sapp in Dwight Willis' absence.

Motion to approve-Dale Todd; seconded- RobPriddy; approved

Brick Fund update- bricks on site & to be installed soon

Committee Reports

Legislative - Dale Todd upcoming meeting re: Opioid Crisis

Communication- Art Hill new chair

Tom advised still need 3rd vice chair- will be resolved at County Exec Council mtg on 10/28

Data- Clare Leary no update; troubleshooting as needed for precincts;

Clean-up re: Vote Builder & contacting Dems who did not vote in 2016/2018

Senior Dems- Alice Long for Wesley Brown; next mtg 10/22; Leland

Democratic Women- Eileen Farrell- next mtg Thursday Nov 14th; 5:30pm at Hdqtrs; December will be joint mtg w/party Welcome/Reception for current BC teachers & retirees; guest speaker- Mark Jewell-President NCAE

New Business:

Budget Discussion- working on establishing priorities where to direct our dollars; noting building needs 8-9k/yr to maintain(not improve) our building; move toward planning v. crisis handling
More details after 10/28 CEC mtg.

Welcome new attendees- Jerry Castle;? Larson; Rick Simmons; Sherrill Jolly

Future events- Reverse Raffle- March 21, 2020; 6pm; Brunswick Sr Ctr; Supply

Next meeting- 11/14/19- 7pm

Adjournment- 8:15 pm; motion Dale Todd; seconded ?

Respectfully submitted: Eileen Farrell (for Denise Mirandola)