

Chair Tom Sapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Changes to the agenda were made regarding the new treasurer, Vic Gallo.

Tom led the pledge and asked for a moment of silence.

Secretary – Motion was made by Marge Bell and seconded by Linda Ruddick to approve the minutes from the Dec. 10, 2020, minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Dwight Willis, the current treasurer, will resign this evening after his final report. Vic Gallo will be the new treasurer and Marty O’Neill will be the assistant to the treasurer. Dwight has been working with both gentlemen for several weeks; they have gone through state training and necessary paperwork has been submitted to the state today.

Dwight stated that there was little income in December. Act Blue has been very helpful to us; a few dollars a month from lots of people really helps. Please continue to give through Act Blue; if everyone gave \$5 or \$10 a month, we would not have to worry about funding. There is a balance of \$20,064 with \$4000 available. Dwight thanked Vic and Marty for stepping up.

Tom thanked Dwight for his service and stated that it will be difficult without him!

Vic thank BCDP for the opportunity. Originally from New Jersey, from Leland Precinct now, he was an actuary and math teacher. He thought that this was something he could help with.

Marty O’Neill offered that he was happy to assist the treasurer and to be on the Finance Committee.

Tom explained that Becky’s replacement on the Board of Elections would be elected on Jan. 30, 2021, at the CEC meeting. Becky thanked BCDP for the support in her position on the Board of Elections. She will resign on Jan. 19, 2021. The state application for the position is in the Chat Room for anyone interested. Apps should be returned to Tom before 5:00 PM on Jan. 29, 2021. After the CEC meeting, the selection will be sent to the state; it may take a while for them to act upon it. Paula Clarity is a candidate. If she is successful, there will be an opening for the 3rd vice chair.

FYI The CEC is made up of County Executive Committee Members including:

- Chairs & Vice Chairs of our Precincts
- Officers of the County Executive Committee
- Representatives of state affiliated organizations
- SEC members from our county
- District Executive Committee Officers in the county
- County Party Attorney

1st Vice Chair - Lisa commented on a new fund raiser for BCDP – Charity Auctions. People can donate items to be auctioned online. BCDP would collect 90% of the final bid. Arts, crafts, services, and other items can be brought to HQ and will be posted on Charity Auctions. When items are sold, BCDP will reap the profits! Joanne Levitan offered to help with the technical aspects. Lisa will focus on collecting items to put online; she would like to get to some businesses that might have items or services people would like to buy. A minimum price can be set. Information about Charity Auctions will be on our website along with a link and an email will be distributed. Lisa is hopeful that we would be ready to go by Feb. 25, 2021. A question was raised regarding liability. Charity Auctions warranty their items. Credit cards

are accepted. All merchandise is new. Lisa suggested doing this once every 3 months. Look for more information in an email.

2nd Vice Chair - Rob Priddy is looking for someone to work on Vote Builder; 2020 data is not downloaded to the state yet. He reminded that Precinct Organization Meetings are coming up, and we need officers.

3rd Vice Chair - Paula Clarity commented on upcoming BCDP elections. She encouraged all to step up to chair and vice chair positions. The state suggests minorities candidates. Paula reminded that all positions are open for a two year commitment.

Secretary comments - Denise explained a food drive through PORCH, not a Democratic Party activity, but one that individuals can participate in on their own in their own neighborhoods. Contact

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<https://porchcommunities.org/porch-south-brunswick/>

Communications Team - No report

Legislative – No report

Senior Dems – Wes Brown spoke with Tom about the organization. Comments were made regarding this group becoming a black caucus in the party rather than an affiliate. They could still have contacts in the community. Joanne Levitan liked that idea. Lisa Mosca commented that if it functions within our structure as our committee, members can be coordinated under one roof. Marge Belle added that a black and brown caucus allows the group to reach out to young people where the Senior aspect does not. Rex Simmons asked what Wes's contacts think about this. Wes responded that he hasn't spoken to the leadership yet. He added that he needs help - Neil resigned and Alice is sick. The Sr. Dems are not a separate organization, but the state plan of organization allows for auxiliaries like the women's group or for caucuses. Bob Bannerman was confused about what the Sr. Dems are. Wes answered that they are mostly seniors, but the name doesn't make sense; - we are mostly seniors! Perhaps a name change is in order. It is an outreach to people of color. We need to draw more people of color and young people. A name change to African American Caucus was suggested. Marilyn Priddy offered that it may make people of color feel welcomed. She added that Wes had been doing an amazing job! Linda Ruddick asked if we can get a definition of auxiliary and caucus from the state. Wes spoke with Tom Rothrock who suggested using Vote Builder to get prospects. Wes thinks we should be doing something relevant, reaching out to community of color. He would like to know what others think. We could stand a different way to go to get to the community and youth. Rex Simmons suggested we can build on what Wes started. We need to keep it alive and expand. Rex offered his help and will contact Wes.

Women Democrats – Eileen Farrell commented that there are vacancies for the Democratic Women officers; they met last week. Their next meeting is Jan. 21, 2021, at 10:00 AM. She commented that the Literacy Council used the Charity Auctions that Lisa talked about with a very good outcome.

Old Business – Information is coming out regarding the duties of officers and chairs before the elections.

New Business – There was a suggestion that we contact republican businesses regarding negative activities by Rouzer. Financial contributors can be found on the internet as to who gave money to him. Can we boycott them? Talk to them?

A question was asked regarding a group like Stacey Abraham led. That was a nonpartisan group; ours is not nonpartisan.

Marge Bell suggested we write to Richard Burr and Tom Thillis to urge them to vote to convict Trump whether we think it will work or not.

Someone wondered how a citizen of NC can bring charges of sedition against Rouzer.

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 7th District meeting Sat., May 22, 2021

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Paula Clarity and second by Dwight Willis.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise A. Mirandola
Sec. BCDP

NEXT BCDP MONTHLY MEETING February 11, 2121
7:00 PM via Zoom
Same link to register: <https://bit.ly/BrunsDems>