

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Monthly Meeting-Final Minutes

**February 14, 2014**

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The meeting was convened at Morton Hall located on the campus of UNCW at 5:30.

1. **Call to order:** Pledge led by Richard Poole.
2. **Welcome guests, introduce:** Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Susanne Werner, Brenda Fong , Jeremy Wilson, and Jennifer MacNeish. Recognized Sheriff Ed McMahon , Commissioner and U.S. Congress Dist. 7 candidate Jonathan Barfield, candidate for Sheriff – Sid Causey, County Commission –Patricia Spear and Rob Zapple, US Congress Dist. 3 -Marshal Adame, and NC House Senate – Elizabeth Redenbaugh and welcomed new visitors.
3. **Speaker: Marshal Adame, Candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> NC Congressional District-** Bio, campaign outline and took questions.
4. **Report From NHCO – BOE Appointee- Tannis Nelson:** Briefed group on May 6 Primary , 7/15 Second Primary if needed, Early Voting begins 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs before- April 24 at 5 sites: Main Library, BOE @ New Hanover Co. Govt. Center, Senior Center off Shipyard Blvd. , Carolina Beach Town Hall and North East Library - Mon-Fri and Sat hours, April 11 is last day to register for primary and Oct. 10 for general election, no straight party voting in general election due to new law, voters in 2014 will be asked if they have ID when voting but do not require it until 2016. Marc Locco asked about extended voting hours beyond 5pm to encourage working voters to access early voting. Suggestion by Dakota from Young Dems reference need for more election staff at UNCW and issue of malfunctioning machines that contributed to long wait times in 2012 general election. Phil Stine asked if list of voters without acceptable id be given to public- Tannis will confirm. Diana Hill suggested notices placed at any old voting sites directing voters to new locations and also an explanation of how BOE will check id's? Debra Maxwell stated that Brunswick Co. has longer hours to accommodate more voters, W25 moved from neighborhood access at Johnson Elementary to congested CFCC with very little parking during business hours, detriment to voters who do not drive and aren't able to navigate the busy downtown area of CFCC, NHCO BOE meeting notices are under 72 hours making it difficult to attend and Brunswick Co schedules their meetings well in advance. Tannis stated the next BOE meeting is March 5. Alyssa- asked why can't UNCW be an early voting site for students? And EB Davis asked for a better explanation of the voter ID process- what is acceptable, where can ID's be obtained, what is the cost?
5. **Discussion re Precinct Meetings (2/25-3/10) Susanne Werner** – all precincts packets are distributed, meetings will be announced via NHCO web page, please notify of any meeting date and/or location changes, encouraged collection of sustaining fund and if any precinct chairs need info please contact her.
6. **Reminder:** County Convention ( April 5) at NE New Hanover Co. Executive Development Center, Congressional Dist. 7 Convention 5/17- location TBD, State Convention 6/7. Jennifer MacNeish is organizing County Convention and seeking volunteers for sign in, food and Votebuilder data entry.
7. **Update on 2014 Initiatives-** Ann Cherry leading coordinated effort related to voter suppression response and Steve Kelly leading voter registration drives. Training for Jump Start the Vote will be 2/22 offered by Democracy NC in Ral- contact Richard for more info.
8. **Election First Vice Chair Vacancy:** Sally Jernigan nominated Deloris Rhodes, seconded by Steve Kelly, no other nominees submitted, Diana Hill spoke in support of Deloris for her support of the Democratic Party and ability to serve, motion to close discussion by Bill Cottingham and seconded by Polly Shaver, a voice vote was called and all in favor- no dissent.
9. **Treasurers report:** Brenda Fong, Treasurer reported a beginning balance of 19,013.56 with expenditures of \$994.00, bank fees of \$ -23.78 and deposits of \$ 645.00 with an ending total balance of \$18,640.78, and W-29

balance of \$129.09 and deposit of \$645.00= balance of \$771.09. Motion to accept by Polly Shaver and second by John McHarry. All in favor- no dissent. Special thanks to Calvin Barnes for his support of NHCO Dems with his printing business.

10. **Approval of minutes:** by Jennifer MacNeish-Minutes from January 27, 2014 meeting accepted as posted to webpage with motion from Jim Moriarty and seconded by Polly Shaver.
11. **Old Business-** N/A
12. **New Business:** Clancy Thompson- Affordable Care Act meeting at 118 Abalone DR. , Wed. 2/19 at 7pm- need help getting citizens connected with sign up. Carter Jewel announced Garden Party hosted by Young Dems on April 5 , 4-6 , cost, location and time will be posted soon. Big hats and seersucker suits welcome.
13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rob Zapple seconded by Jeremy Wilson.

Submitted by:  
Jennifer H. MacNeish  
Secretary NHCDP