

New Hanover County Democratic Party

Final Minutes for Monthly Meeting

June 17, 2013

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

1. **Call to order**, Welcome and Pledge. Recognized Comm. Jonathan Barfield.
2. **Introductions** : Officers in attendance- Richard Poole, Jeremy Wilson, Andrew Barnhill and Jennifer MacNeish. Absent: Veda Wilson, Brenda Fong, Susanne Werner.
Speaker: Commissioner Barfield- Amotion process will cost county, budget consequences will negatively impact many in our county, stress on DSS to provide assistance. Upon question from audience, he discussed campaign for Dist 7.
3. **Treasurers report**: Report submitted by Brenda Fong, Treasurer, read by Jennifer H. MacNeish. Motion to accept by Nick Rhodes, seconded by Bill Cottingham. Roberta Penn requested detail of expenses in said report. Accepted unanimously.
4. **Minutes from April 20 NHCDP Convention reading**: Presented by Jim Hall, read by Jennifer H. MacNeish. Liz Porter commented that resolutions from 2012 NHCDP County Convention were not forwarded to 2013 District Convention as promised. Roberta Penn added they were not sent onto Dist. 3 either.
Motion to accept with these additions by Liz Porter and seconded by Myrna Wexler. Unanimously accepted.
5. **Minutes from May 20** : presented and read by Jennifer H. MacNeish, secretary. Motion to accept by Bill Cottingham, seconded by EB Davis. Unanimously accepted.
6. **SEC Vacancy announcement**: Richard Poole stated Julia Bibbs will not continue as member and that the County Party will accept nominations from the floor and elect a new member at July NHCDP meeting. Next SEC meeting is in Aug, no date confirmed at time of meeting. Roberta Penn asked who is interested. Richard stated Diana Hill and Jan Brewington. He reported Diana Hill stated she would like to continue to serve. Margaret Haynes stated there should be a balance of gender and ethnicity when deciding on members based on history of SEC. Richard commented that POO rules are flexible related to this point. Lynn McIntyre suggested Jim Moriarty. Roberta Penn stated the number of members for NH Co are confirmed and suggested Andrew Barnhill. Bill Yoder asked how many SEC members are there in NC and commented that there are too many. Also asked what is their function? Roberta commented that the SEC consists of committees and platform committees. Margaret added the SEC is an educational forum. Richard stated there would be a study session on 6/22 or 7/13 to go over proposed POO changes.
7. **New Business**: EB Davis asked for consideration on any media announcements for those in W29 that may not be computer literate or have access to social media such as FB and email. Roberta Penn asked about publishing meeting notes on website for those who can't make meetings. Jeremy Wilson stated this will occur on new site. Deloris Rhodes suggested a communications committee. Nick Rhodes suggested a strategic plan, as the party had one in the past. Ruth Downey stated we should post meeting announcement on community pages. Millie Elledge stated it is 3rd Vice Chair's role to be media chair. Jeremy Wilson stated there are some great improvements coming to new webpage related to social media, FB, Twitter, etc. New site will soon be ready.
8. **Old Business**: Nick Rhodes spoke about NC Legislature and Education, First NC related to : Defunding of public schools, increased class sizes, cut of 4K teacher assistants, scholarship bills. Challenges precinct chairs to spread this info for 2014. Focus on municipal elections. Asked for position papers and stated he would do so. Maggie Parrish suggested the MomsRising site for similar info.

9. **Moral Mondays Event June 24:** Bus will leave at 1 from site to be determined. Tickets are \$25. Email with more details will be sent. Jennifer H. MacNeish will be coordinating.
10. **Website Update:** Jeremy thanked Kyle Wolfe for his 40+ hours a week on getting new site ready. Site to incorporate NGP software, will aid in fundraising , social media and FB presence. Will send out new site info once completed.
11. **Regional Events:** June 29, Earla Pope to host. July 27 Hugh McRae Park Shelter at 10 am-11 am, and Aug event TBD by Polly Shaver near southern end of county.
12. **July 18 Event at Home of N. Szlosberg:** Have received \$5800 in pledges. Formal invites went out to 400. All levels of contributions are encouraged for attendance.
13. **Merchandising Committee:** Richard asked for thoughts on having items to promote NHCDP with bumper stickers, t-shirts , etc. Anyone interested should contact officers (not sure who this was directed to?) with their suggestions.
14. **Closing Comments:** Richard commented on state of NCDP and Carter Jewell announced NC Young Dems district convention 7/26 & 27 and asked for housing.

Submitted by:
Jennifer H. MacNeish
Secretary NHCDP