

Wilson County Democratic Party Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2017
Minutes

The Wilson County Democratic Party Executive Meeting met at the Wilson County Public Library and was called to order by the Chair, Linda Cooper-Suggs shortly after 9:30 AM. She began by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their commitment. Meditation and prayer were given by Ann Y. Barnes, followed by the pledge of Allegiance led by Ray Chambers.

Roll Call and Quorum: The First Vice Chair, Jim Hawley, stated that it was not necessary to have a formal roll call of precincts since the sign-in sheets verified that sufficient numbers of the voting membership of the Wilson County Executive Committee were present to exceed the forty percent threshold for establishing the quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Willie Williams and seconded by Dewy Sheffield that the agenda be adopted with the recommendation from the chair to eliminate the Auxiliary Reports today. Motion approved.

The Chair provided updates on several topics including conducting work sessions to digitize all volunteer lists used during the past elections (Primary and General Election); reminded delegates of the District Congressional Convention to be held May 20, 2017. District 1 to be held at Edgecombe Community College-Tarboro Campus- Tarboro, NC and District 2 to be held at East Wake High School, Wendell, NC. Encouraged them to attend.

Treasurer Report: Given at the end of the meeting by our treasurer, Tom Sallenger, stating that we have a current balance of \$3,611.00.

New Business:

Board of Election Nominations:

The following names were presented by the Chair as the Board of Elections Nominees:

Chip Futrell, Wanda Davis, and Michelle Okoh. She continued by explaining the process of selection in which she asked the officers for recommendations and upon receipt of those names she was in full agreement with these individuals. She continued by seeking input from the Precinct Chairs and Vice Chairs by asking for their opinions. Discussion continued and the Chair responded and stated that she followed the process outlined in the Plan of Organization. She continued by sharing that if, one or none, of these nominees weren't accepted by the Precinct Chairs, Vice Chair,s and the other voting member of the Wilson County Executive Committee then nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Moved by A.P. Coleman and seconded by Dewey Sheffield that the names submitted by the Chair for the Board of Election Nominees be accepted. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1st District Executive Committee Nominee:

Moved by Zette McArn and seconded by Eva Richardson that Shoshanna Kashdan serve as the 1st District Executive Committee member. She was elected by acclamation.

Jim Hawley and Willie Williams will serve as the 2nd District Executive Committee Members and the Chair, Linda Cooper-Suggs and Shoshanna Kashdan will serve on the 1st District Executive Committee. The Chair thanked Nancy Hawley for her willingness to serve for the 2nd District Executive and for helping the Party to correct this mistake.

Senator Don Davis, Congressional District 1 Chair, provided updates from the legislature. Some highlights from his comments were: A senate budget of 22 billion dollars was passed and the Democrats fought hard. This budget is detrimental to the growth of our educational system, health initiatives, children, families and that it is going to

affect Eastern North Carolina hard because of the cuts in funding for schools and food budgets. He stated that "it's going to be up to us to beat them in the next election."

The Chair thanked the Senator for all that he does, and thanked our elected officials, officers, and all the Democrats who continue to fight for the people.

There being no further business it was moved by Dewey Sheffield and seconded by Commissioner Bobbi Jones that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted:

Travis Patterson, Secretary