

**Wilson County Democratic Party Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 21, 2017**  
**Minutes**

Betty R. McCain, County Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 AM. David Reid offered the opening prayer. Ray Chambers, First Vice-Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair McCain welcomed the group, and introduced several new members.

Chair McCain then provided a brief treasurer's report. After sending in a check for \$763.42 to the State Party for Wilson County's sustaining funds, we have a current balance of \$7,324.22.

Jim Hawley, secretary, presented minutes from our last meeting. Minutes had been previously distributed electronically. Ann Y. Barnes moved to approve, and Anne Martin seconded. Motion passed and minutes were approved as distributed.

Chair McCain then provided updates on a number of topics, including a wrap-up on our participation in the Whirlagig Festival, reports on events and activities surrounding the recent election, and thanks to Chip Futrell, our Democratic representative on the Wilson County Board of Elections, for helping us continue to have Sunday voting in Wilson.

Chair McCain made a number of announcements, including:

1. The next Wilson County Democratic Party meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 9:00 AM at the Wilson County Public Library.
2. Precinct Training will immediately follow the Party meeting on February 11. Second ViceChair Michele Okoh will present the training.
3. The North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee Meeting will be held on February 11, 2017, at the Rolesville High School, beginning at 1:00 PM.
4. Wilson County Precinct Meetings must be held between February 22, 2017, and March 8, 2017.
5. Our March meeting of the Wilson County Democratic Party will be held on March 11, 2017, at the Wilson Public Library, beginning at 9:00 AM.
6. The Wilson County Democratic Party Convention for 2017 will be held at the Wilson County Courthouse, tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2017. Date and time will be confirmed in the near future.

Next, Chair McCain distributed Precinct Packages to the precinct chairs who were present. Packages were distributed today to the following precincts: Black Creek, Springhill, R, D, E, and J.

Ray Chambers distributed lists of Precinct Officers for the organized precincts, and of our voting sites.

Charlie Pat Farris made a presentation on his campaign and led a discussion of issues involved in planning and running a campaign.

There was a period of spirited and enthusiastic discussion of a host of topics and issues, including election outcomes, ways to energize our local Democrats, and better methods to inform and involve everyone, especially the young Democrats.

The meeting concluded with Chair McCain thanking everyone for helping at Headquarters and during the election: our county is BLUE, thanks to those efforts!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:

Jim Hawley, Secretary.

Note: here is some information on the schedule for the State Executive Committee Meeting on February 11:

In an attempt to accommodate members who plan to attend the march we have revised our SEC schedule as follows:

**Date: Saturday, February 11th**

**Registration: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**Meeting start time: 12:45 pm**

**Official meeting business begins: 1:30 pm**