

**Buncombe County Young Democrats  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8th**

**Location: Habitat Tavern and Commons**

**Time: 6pm-8pm**

- Meeting called to order at 6:09pm.
- Approved consent agenda.
- Ben explains special rules:
  - While debating the bylaws, speakers recognized by the chair will be given 30 seconds to speak, alternating between those who are for or against the amendment. If there are no speakers for or against, voting procedures will begin. Points of Inquiry and Personal Privilege, and Motions to Amend the amendment will not be counted as either for or against the original amendments for speaking time, but debate on the motion will retain the 30 second for/against speaking time.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Account has \$3,539.37.
  - \$1,000 was recently given to the Buncombe County Democratic Party for the gala sponsorship.
- President's Report
  - Ben gives president's report. In the past year there have been 15 events, more than 400 attendees, nine mentions in the news, \$5,707 raised, and 70 different attendees to our meetings (an average 21 people per meeting). Ben acknowledges Lindsey and Rebecca for their work on the executive board. Rebecca thanks Ben for his work.
- Amendment to the Bylaws
  - The current bylaws were revised in July 2017. Ben explains that the Young Democrats of North Carolina revised their bylaws since then, and the two no longer match up. He argues the current language of Article 3.2 makes the two meeting requirement of 3.3 unnecessary, and the current language could exclude individuals who have participated outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.
  - Soren moves to amend Article 3.2 to read, "An individual who has affiliation with the BCYD, attends meetings, events, and/or participates in the activities of the organization." Approved.
  - Ben moves to approve 3.3 stating, "A registered Democrat of Buncombe County under the age of 36 who is a member. Active members have full voting rights and privileges and are allowed to run for office. Active members will be required

to provide their address, phone number, and date of birth to the organization.”  
Approved.

- Elections
  - Ben explains the election procedure, and moves to open nominations for President. Rebecca nominates Ben Sullivan. Soren seconds. There are no other nominations. Ben is elected President.
  - Lindsey moves to open the floor to nominations for Vice President. Ben nominates Hunter Deakle. Lindsey seconds. There are no other nominations. Hunter is elected Vice President.
  - Ben moves to elect Rebecca Telberg as Secretary by acclamation. Approved. Rebecca is elected Secretary.
  - Lindsey moves to open the floor to nominations for treasurer. No one is nominated.
  - Rebecca nominates Jessica Park for Communications Officer. Lindsey seconds. There are no other nominations. Jessica is elected Communications Officer.
- When Women Lead
  - Rebecca discusses the confirmed panelists: Jacquelyn Hallum, Director of Health Careers and Diversity Education for MAHEC, and Sabrina Rockoff, Managing Partner of McGuire, Wood & Bissette law firm.
  - There is discussion on possible ways to find a student group co-sponsor and possible third panelists. Katherine offers to make the graphic.
- Strategic Plan
  - There is a discussion over the outline for the strategic plan.
  - Ben leads discussion on having more regular meetings. The group discusses having a business meeting once a month, and a less structured event once a month. Ideas such as themed parties, discussion groups, and issue-based forums were discussed.
  - Blaine suggests choosing only a few social media outlets, and using them well.
  - Leila offers to volunteer with phone banking for these events.
  - Rebecca suggests having individuals take lead on specific events. Michael suggests committees.
  - Michael suggests using the logic model to formulate the strategic plan.
  - It is decided there will be a special strategic planning meeting in February, before the March monthly meeting.
- Western Young Democrats Conference
  - Ben discusses organizing a conference in Asheville for Young Democrat groups in Western North Carolina on March 10.
- Announcements

- Precinct meetings for the Downtown, North Asheville, North Buncombe, South Buncombe, Hominies, East Asheville, and West Asheville clusters will be held on February 10. The Leicester, Fairview, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain clusters will have their precinct meetings on February 17. The BCDP website has information on resolutions.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Rebecca Telberg.