

Buncombe County Young Democrats
Meeting Minutes
March 8th, 2018

Location: West Asheville Library

Time: 6pm-8pm

- Ben Sullivan calls the meeting to order at 6:20pm.
- Rebecca Telberg declares a quorum.
- Lindsey Prather moves to approve the consent agenda. No objections.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Rebecca announces that she will be acting as treasurer until the position is filled. Ben says that \$200 was raised since the last meeting.
- President's Report
 - Ben gives the president's report. He thanks Katherine Cutshall, Michael Carter, Laura Evans, and Blaine Perry for their work at the strategic plan meeting.
- Young Democrats Western Conference
 - Ben discusses the Young Democrats Western Conference happening on Saturday, March 10. The Progressive Turnout Project will provide a training session in the morning. It will be good training for campaign workers. Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Brian Turner, John Moore, and Drew Christie will be speakers. If people are going to arrive late, Ben asks that they let him know so he can order food ahead of time. Candidates won't have time to speak, but they are invited to the networking portion. Volunteers are needed at 10am to help with registration. Maren, Leila, Rebecca, Ben, and Lindsey volunteer.
- Strategic Plan Update
 - Hunter Deakle proposes discussing the proposed amendment to the bylaws after we discuss the strategic plan meeting. It is agreed.
 - Hunter gives a recap of the strategic plan meeting that occurred since the last meeting. He explains that the organization will have two meetings a month instead of one. The monthly meetings will become the business meetings, and there will also be a second meeting that is more speaker based. The two meeting system will allow people unfamiliar with Young Democrats engage outside of the business meetings. It will also help more people engage with the organization and civically in general.
- New Committees
 - Ben moves to bring forth the proposed amendment on committees. He discusses the three committees: Grassroots Policy and Advocacy, Communications, and Fundraising and Development. The Grassroots Policy and Advocacy Committee will handle all the meeting and events related to policies and advocacy. The Communications Committee will be responsible for the newsletter, social media, and other communications. The Fundraising and Development Committee will be responsible for fundraising, social events, and financial matters.
 - Rebecca notices an error on the proposed amendment. It is agreed the vote will be tabled until later in the meeting, after the error is fixed.

- Michael Carter discusses the proposed Fundraising and Development Committee. This committee will center on acquiring funds and deepening the community impact of the organization through donor cultivation, compliance with finance regulations, and social events.
- New Business
 - Hunter discusses the Young Democrats of North Carolina (YDNC) convention April 6-8 in Charlotte.
 - Rebecca discusses chartering with the YDNC. The deadline is in April.
 - Lindsey discusses the Carolina Abortion Fund Bowl-A-Thon. She has created an official BCYD fundraising group, and encourages members to start fundraising.
 - Jessica Park discusses the new monthly newsletter using Mailchimp. She asks that people add buncombe.youngdemocrats@gmail.com to their contacts so the newsletter does not end up in the Promotions tab in Gmail.
- Amendment to Bylaws
 - Jessica presents the revised amendment on committees. Hunter calls the question. All approve the amendment.
- Special Guests
 - Devin Deholl speaks about Scott Donaldson, candidate for the 11th congressional district.
 - Norm Bossert speaks about his run for NC state senate, 48th district.
 - Lorenzo Pedro speaks about the Burke County Blue Gala on April 28 and the NC 11 District Convention on May 5.
- Announcements
 - March for Our Lives on March 24 at 2pm at Pack Square
 - Leila Falahi asks for volunteers on Catori Swann's Buncombe County Commissioner District 3 campaign.

Upcoming Events:

1. Young Democrats Western Conference - Saturday, March 7, 11am-6pm @ BCDP Headquarters
2. Next Monthly Meeting (Every second Thursday) - Thursday, April 12, 6pm-8pm, Location TBD