

Buncombe County Young Democrats
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2018

Location: Habitat Tavern and Commons

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

- Ben Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.
- Secretary Rebecca Telberg declared a quorum.
- The consent agenda was approved.
- Ben gave the President's Report in which he thanked members for their work.
- Rebecca gave the Treasurer/Secretary's Report. She stated the current balance as \$3,256. About \$300 was spent on the Western Young Democrats Conference, but after ticket sales and reimbursements from YDNC, the event broke about even. \$75 was spent on chartering with YDNC. Fifteen members were included in the charter. The quorum remains at five members.
- Ben discussed Maren's interest in the treasurer position. He announced an election at the next meeting. Ben and Rebecca discussed the responsibilities of the treasurer position.
- Ben discussed proposed amendments to the Bylaws that will be brought to a vote at the next meeting:
 - a. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of a general membership meeting when notice of an amendment has been given two weeks in advance. Amendments to the bylaws may not be made without notice being given two weeks in advance.
 - b. New committee: The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for the drafting of amendments to the Bylaws, and assisting the Executive Board in all questions pertaining to them. If the Executive Board, in their discretion, chooses to nominate a Parliamentarian, that Parliamentarian will serve as an ex-officio member of the Bylaws Committee.
 - c. New committee: The Platform and Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for the drafting of resolutions of the organization as they pertain to public policy in accordance with Article 7. This proposed amendment is still being constructed.
 - d. Change the name of the organization from "Buncombe County Young Democrats" and "BCYD" to "Young Democrats of Buncombe" or "YDB."
- Jessica discussed the Western Young Democrats Conference. About 30 Young Democrats from ten counties participated. These counties were Buncombe, Burke, Yancey, Madison, Yadkin, Watauga, Catawba, Caldwell, McDowell, and Henderson/Transylvania.
- Hunter discussed the Buncombe County Democratic Convention.
- Ben discussed the Terry Van Duyn and Jay Chaudhuri meet and greet event. The event was no cost to BCYD. Rebecca made note that it should have been promoted to members through email.
- Rebecca discussed the Young Democrats of North Carolina Convention. BCYD won the Outstanding Chapter award.
- Ben nominated himself and Michael Carter to the Fundraising and Development Committee. Approved by the Executive Board. Ben nominated Rebecca Telberg and Hunter Deakle to the

Grassroots Policy and Advocacy Committee. Approved by the Executive Board. Ben nominated Jessica Park and Katherine Cutshall to the Communications Committee. Approved by the Executive Board. Ben nominated himself as Chair of the Fundraising and Development Committee, Rebecca as Chair of the Grassroots Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Jessica as Chair of the Communications Committee. Approved.

- Hunter gave the Grassroots Policy & Advocacy Committee Report. He discussed the two-meeting plan, and the speaker format for the second meetings. The first of these series of meetings will be on May 24 on the topic of internet accessibility. Brian Turner is confirmed to speak. The June meeting will be on the topic of wages. Rebecca talked about the need to find ways for BCYD to advocate in the community.
- Jessica gave the Communications Committee Report. She is currently working on a media plan and is looking for more support.
- Michael and Ben gave the Fundraising and Development Committee Report. Michael discussed the first fundraising social to be on July 21. There will be a theme, an entry charge, and a message. This event will be modeled after the Hex events at The Mothlight. Committee members will be going to the next Hex event on April 21 for research. Ben discussed other upcoming fundraising events. The Western Gala After Party on October 6 will be a major fundraiser. There will also be a phonebank fundraiser on April 26 at BCDP headquarters 5pm-8pm. This phonebank will help the county with donor research, raise money, and invite people to our May meeting.
- Rebecca and Lindsey Prather gave an update on the Carolina Abortion Fund Bowl-A-Thon. The team name this year is Public Cervix Announcement. \$424 has been raised, and \$1,000 is the goal. They encouraged people to attend the event and raise more money.
- Ben discussed a sample budget for the year. He said the group needs to raise at least \$15,000.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Telberg, Secretary.