

Buncombe County Young Democrats
General Meeting Agenda
May 10th, 2018

- Introductions
- Call To Order
 - Meeting is called to order at 6:01pm. Quorum is declared. Ben presents the consent agenda including today's agenda, April minutes, two amendments to the Bylaws, and special rules. Rebecca Telberg motions to approve the consent agenda. Lindsey Prather seconds. All approve.
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Agenda
 - April Minutes
 - Amendments 1 & 2
 - Special Rules
- President's Report (Ben, 3 minutes)
 - Ben gives the President's Report. He thanks the candidates and campaign workers in the room for their hard work during the primaries. He thanks Rebecca for her work on filing with the State Board of Elections.
- Treasurer's Report (Rebecca, 3 minutes)
- Treasurer's Election (Ben, 4 minutes)
 - Ben opens elections for Treasurer. Lindsey nominates Rebecca Telberg. Jessica Park seconds. There are no other nominations. Lindsey moves to close nominations. Rebecca Telberg is elected Treasurer. Rebecca resigns as Secretary. Elections for Secretary will take place at the next monthly meeting on June 14.
- Carolina Abortion Fund Bowl-A-Thon Debrief (Lindsey, 3 minutes)
 - \$616 raised total, lots of fun, fewer people and less \$ than last year
- Drew Christy was given a few minutes to speak
 - Brings good news from the governor- he announced his budget
 - Educators a meaningful raise (5% for all, including veteran teachers)
 - Concrete steps to improve school safety and mental health (\$130 million)
 - \$30 million into NC Growth- free training for community colleges to help students on the cusp of graduating finish their degrees
 - NC Job Ready- Help employers provide on-the-job training
 - 4 year plan to make NC top-ten education state
 - Freezing GOP tax breaks for large corporations, no additional tax increases

- Expanding Medicaid- \$4 billion
- Combating opioid crisis
- YDNC Update (Ben, 3 minutes)
 - Ben is new Western Regional director
 - More fundraising, comm, and field trainings (professional development, etc.)
 - Advocacy help from YDNC/Western regional director
 - One more regional conference- before precinct meetings (Jan. or early Feb.)
 - Job fair conference next spring
 - Looking for help with planning
 - Regional positions available- incl. chair of 10th or 11th congressional district for YDNC (appointed positions, must apply, let Ben know)
- Committee Reports and Discussion
 - Communications (Jessica, 2 minutes)
 - Not much to report, will meet soon, want to get together an events plan, what we want Facebook ads to look like, media plan, looking for help. Will meet soon.
 - Grassroots Policy & Advocacy (Hunter/Rebecca, 20 minutes)
 - Reminder of the goal and structure
 - June- Raising Wages, still figuring out date, time, speakers
 - Hunter reminded people that we can pick subjects that are challenging, and to bring more ideas to future meetings
 - Rebecca reminded people that we need help organizing the events, but we have created support materials/resources to help
 - Resources: event planning checklist, sound and lighting, media contacts
 - Lindsey, Catori, Laura, Blaine interested in the committee
 - Select July meeting topic
 - Jeffrey suggestion affordable housing
 - Drew suggested Julie Mayfield
 - Ben and Catori suggested Mountain Housing Opportunities
 - Jeffrey- Environmental awareness, protections, and improvement
 - Maren- transportation- Katherine suggested Kim Roney
 - Katherine- early childhood education, Amanda Edwards, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara
 - Leila- Inter-generational protesting
 - Civil Rights, older and younger protestors
 - Spoke informally to Al Whitesides, Terry Van Duyn, Katherine mentioned ASCORE
 - Knows people who went to Charlottesville, and AntiFa

- Leila- Foster care in Buncombe County
 - Especially need for older foster youth
 - Knows the director of Buncombe County GAL
 - Quentin Miller could help too
- Ben wants to reach out to the African American community
 - Spoke with Quentin Miller, suggested community policing
 - Katherine has an “in”, but says the situation is complicated right now, suggest waiting a few months, her dad (Kevin Calhoun) is interested in helping as well
 - Maren suggested de-escalation
- Workshop Series name
 - Consider the amount of text on the graphic
 - “_____ Series” and changing subtitle
 - “Issues” sounds negative
 - “Let’s Talk About”
 - SPIF- Series Populace Information Forum
 - Calling it “episode” vs. “series”
 - Big titles and subtitle
 - “We Got Issues”
 - “Bridging the Broadband Gap”
- Fundraising & Development (Ben, 20 minutes)
 - Peer to Peer
 - Copy CAF model
 - Anyone who wants one will have their own personalized fundraising fund (“My name is Blaine, I’m fundraising for BCYD, because _____”) includes \$ goal, what issue do you care about, why are you involved, etc.
 - Drew suggested waiting until July instead of June, to give time to work on logistics, etc.
 - Rebecca’s friend has offered to give us a training on fundraising
 - Rebecca’s point- condense to specific time period
 - Leila- at any special event, remind people that we need money, have envelopes at every event
 - Leila suggested a yard sale- maybe we could hold it at headquarters?
 - Blaine- Comedy Night fundraiser for BCYD at The Southern, no charge, just do whatever we want, enough people to buy drinks, make sure we can include money for the comedians as well.
 - Katherine- suggested connecting BCYD with Facebook donations

- Catori said he can help with this- did it with his campaign
- Ben asked if this can be connected with ActBlue
- Democratic Dance Party
 - Turn Up for Progress- 90s themed party at Mothlight
 - Make Dem party more approachable
 - Work with other progressive groups around Asheville
 - Will need volunteers
 - Model after HEX
 - Asking them for advice
 - Musicians- Maren's friend Dana, on Trans council
 - Looking at 2 DJs
 - Discussed raising ticket price to \$10
 - People who know DJ's Catori, Drayton, Jeffrey, Katherine, Doug, DJ Kipper- Hunter, Jessica, Ben
- Catori- thanked Leila and all supporters, will be running again in 2020
- Announcements
 - BCDP June 3rd Event (Lindsey, 3 minutes)

After Meeting Discussion: Primary Results!

Upcoming Events:

1. Modern Issues Series: Rural Broadband - Thursday, May 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Kairos West
2. Next Monthly Meeting (Every second Thursday) - Thursday, June 14, 6pm-7:30pm, Habitat Tavern

Committee Appointments

Bylaws: Ben, Chair. Soren, Leila, Rebecca.

Fundraising: Hunter, Taylon, Blaine, Maren