

Buncombe County Young Democrats

Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2018

- Introductions
- Call to Order
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of General Meeting Minutes
 - Lindsey moved, Blaine seconded
- Acknowledgement of Guests
 - [Amanda Edwards- Commission D2](#)
 - Swing seat- important to keep
 - Wants to restore trust and accountability in county govt
 - Has an MPA degree- Understands elected vs. appointed roles
 - Focus on K-12 education, teachers, social workers & counselors, increasing teacher pay supplement, early childhood education, ways to fund more SROs, school safety
 - Emergency services, infrastructure challenges
 - Need YDs for canvassing and phonebanking- wants young faces (bring kids!)
 - [Donna Ensley- Commission D3](#)
 - Lived in community for 31(?) years
 - Opportunities for jobs/growth
 - Embraces Dem agenda
 - Infrastructure- current and future needs
 - Concerned about DOT's plans to widen 3 arteries at once
 - Involved in protests/activism in the past
 - Needs help with social media/campaign in general
 - Aaron Sarver for [Quentin Miller for Sheriff](#)
 - Quentin retires on July 2 with 25 years w/APD
 - Wants to work in concert with commission candidates and support them as much as he can
 - Expect the right-wingers will come after Quentin on gun policies- he will not back down (assault weapons ban, universal background checks)
 - Campaign workers for [Rhonda Cole Schandavel](#)
 - Running for NC House 118
 - Just came by to check us out
- President's Report
 - Ben has resigned his position, will be spending time in Boone, will still be Western Director for YDNC, will still support BCYD and be involved
 - Hunter is acting President until elections will take place (next month in July)
 - Jessica is stepping down as Communications director (election next month)
- Election for Secretary
 - Katherine nominates Lindsey, Rebecca seconds, passes
- Treasurer's Report

- \$2,815.88
- Since last meeting: Spent \$500 on Habitat, \$90.32 on Issues meeting, upcoming Dance Party
- We were inactive because paperwork was not sent in on time, but Rebecca has caught up on the reports and we are back in active status
- Next report due at the end of this month
- Committee Reports and Discussion
 - Fundraising and Development
 - Turn Up for Progress
 - Leila reports
 - Committee met on Monday to finalize things
 - Get new people, young people who are left-leaning but not naturally excited about the Dem party
 - Hoping to pull people from the Roundtable event earlier that day
 - Tickets \$5, age 21+
 - “You Choose”- interest survey, options (environment, civil rights, reproductive rights, etc.)- the \$5 fee will be given “to” a certain interest
 - The event will not necessarily make money
 - Soren wants to know how it will be made clear that not all of their money will necessarily go directly towards the interest that they are picking. Leila says that she will speak with the planning committee
 - Jeff/Jessica suggest phrasing “After we cover the cost of the event, I want my \$5 to go towards...)
 - Katherine says we can make sure to “report back” about what we spent the money on
 - Lindsey suggested if anyone wants to offer their couch, futon, guest room, etc. to reduce chances of drinking and driving afterwards
 - Blaine asked about how people will “vote” on the interest
 - Soren says that people could offer extra money to donate
 - Leila clarifies that the committee is still meeting and planning
 - Western Gala After Party
 - Rebecca reports
 - details below
 - Last year we hosted the after party here at Habitat
 - Was our major fundraiser for the year
 - Have not yet settled on any of the details
 - We will be fundraising for it
 - We will have a BCYD specific fundraising training on Sunday June 24th at 12pm at BCDP HQ (Rebecca’s coworker (CFRE) Becky Davis will be providing the training, mostly conversation general knowledge)
 - Feedback on last year’s event:
 - Leila likes that the location was near the Gala event
 - Leila suggests discounted tickets for YDs for the Gala event
 - Katherine suggests the science museum as a space, or Collider

- Leila suggests individual sponsorships from older folks
 - Leila- Amy and I did the research for the venues and costs last year, still have that spreadsheet and will share
- Grassroots Policy and Advocacy Report
 - Lindsey reports
 - Last month's event went well
 - This month's event is Raising Wages
 - Skipping July to focus on the dance party
 - August will be "Foster Care in NC"
 - Always open to new ideas for topics/issues
- Communications
 - Jessica reports
 - Has accommodated Facebook's changes on political advertising and has filed for permission
 - Will be focusing on the Dance Party and the upcoming events
 - Will need people to post flyers as well
- Discussion: Midterms 2018 Initiatives
 - Cluster Leader meeting last night covered this exactly topic
 - Several initiatives that the county party is working on that we can support
 - Phonebanking
 - Canvassing
 - VR
 - Welcome Wagons (postcards to new Dems in Buncombe)
 - Over 3,000 new Dems have registered since Nov. 2016
 - Laura has designed the postcard
 - County is setting up a team to help get through the backlog, then will be farming out to the cluster to get everyone from here on out
 - Include extra info about YDs for young people?
 - Lots of trainings coming up- keep an eye on the calendar and emails
 - Leila says the Political Science professors register students in class at UNCA, and there are a lot of people who are focusing on that effort, and that it may be better to have students who attend UNCA register voters, as opposed to the outside public
 - Jeff suggests reminding students that there is an active College Republicans chapter on UNCA campus but not an active College Democrats group- may fire them up
 - Soren suggests that we could use the time on campus to remind people about BCYD, not just to register voters or to encourage people to vote (since they are already likely politically involved)
 - Jeff- 15 second pitch to get more people to come to events by telling them why you personally do it. Why do you care about the Dem party?
- Announcements
 - Schandoval guest reminded us that we need to be the trainers for canvassing

- Soren- Precinct 3.1 is meeting Thursday 6/21 6:30-7:30pm at Habitat
- Jeff- Saturday morning BCDP is holding full Executive Meeting at HQ at 10am (pancakes at 8:30am for \$10)
- Phonebanking Training on Tues 6/26 @5:30pm at HQ (phonebanks every Tuesday until November from 5-8pm)

Upcoming Events:

1. We Got Issues: Raising NC Wages - Monday, June 18, 6pm-7:30pm, NC Stage Company
2. BCYD Fundraising Training - Sunday, June 24, 12pm-2pm, BCDP Headquarters
3. Next Monthly Meeting (Every second Thursday) - Thursday, July 12, 6pm-7:30pm, Habitat Tavern
4. WNC Regional Roundtable - Saturday, July 14, 1pm-4pm, BCDP Headquarters
5. Turn Up for Progress Dance Party - Saturday, July 14, 9pm-late, The Mothlight
6. Western Gala After Party - Saturday, October 6, TBD