

Wilson County Democratic Party

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Democratic Party Meeting

January 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. (virtual meeting-ZOOM)

Minutes

The virtual meeting was called to order shortly after 10:00, with Chair Hawley welcoming participants. First Vice Chair Joyah Bulluck presented Inspirational Thoughts and led in a Moment of Silence. We then had the Pledge of Allegiance. With no objection, the proposed Agenda for today's meeting was approved. Similarly, with no objection, the minutes (previously distributed) from our last meeting on December 11, 2021, were approved by consensus.

Party Officers gave brief reports, including the financial report which indicated a current Party account balance of \$14,768.25.

Reports from the auxiliaries included updates on the Democratic Women of Wilson County by Beth Punte, Co-President.

Updates from our Precincts included a report from Precinct N Chair Jackie Williams, and Chair Lori Oxendine of Precinct E. Also, Chair Wendy Bulnes from Precinct C reported.

We also had comments from Councilman Derrick Creech, who talked about the tasks before us. Representative Raymond Smith, who serves the Wayne County area, also addressed our group. Wilson School Board member Debora Powell provided an update from the Wilson School Board, focusing on COVID guidelines and updates regarding school operations. Judge Carolyn Thompson, a candidate for the North Carolina Court of Appeals, introduced herself and commented on the critical need to remember the judges and the judicial elections.

Chair Hawley announced the dates for precinct organization, February 5-19. He emphasized the importance of organizing at the precinct level and stressed the importance of the 2022 elections, noting that if we do not elect enough Democrats to prevent a Republican supermajority, Governor Cooper will be powerless and without veto power in his last two years in office. Chair Hawley again explained the precinct organization process and gave information regarding the schedule which will be forthcoming for organizational meetings. There were several questions and discussion and Chair Hawley encouraged anyone with further questions or concerns to contact him personally for help.

Chair Hawley asked for other comments or questions and Jackie Williams, Precinct N Chair, proposed a moment of silence in honor of Democrat A.P. Coleman, who passed away recently.

Mr. Coleman, who served on the Wilson City Council for 38 years, was a great Democrat and a devoted public servant. After the moment of silence and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned about 11:00 A.M.

(Zoom data indicated that 36 people logged in, and the meeting lasted about one hour.)