

**Wilson County Democratic Meeting  
February 19, 2023  
Assembly Room of Wilson County Public Library**

The meeting was called to order shortly after 10:00 am by Chairman Hawley.

Ann Barnes shared an inspirational thought by the late great Congressman John Lewis (Good Trouble Quote) and led the Moment of Silence.

George Revis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The proposed agenda was adopted, and January minutes were approved.

- Jackie Williams moved to adopt the agenda; Joyah Bulluck seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Chairman Hawley shared the January minutes on screen, while Chris Hardee moved to approve the January Minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Reports were given by the Executive Committee

- 1st VC, George Revis, had no new news to report.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Ann Barnes, urged members to follow Rep. Fontenot and Sen. Newton in Raleigh, call their offices frequently and let them know that we are here; hold them accountable.
- Contact information has now been provided for each office and their Legislative Assistants (email was sent out by Chairman Hawley on 2/19)
- Ann Barnes also called attention to SB 49: Parents Bill of Rights that was passed on 2/14 (review bill [HERE](#)).
- 3 VC, Wayne Willingham, had no new news to report.
- Treasurer Tom Sallenger provided the treasurer's report - Current Account Balance: \$24,550.76
- \$13,500 dedicated to the building fund for permanent headquarters
- \$11,400.76 of undesignated funds

Discussion following Treasurer's Report ensued:

- Question from the floor: Melanie Mauze asked if any of the undesignated funds could be allocated to the building fund to which Chairman Hawley responded yes, undesignated funds could be allocated to the HQ Building Fund.
- Nancy Hawley reminded members that donations are still necessary and will always be needed.
- Melanie Mauze informed that donations can continue to be made in honor of the late Betty McCain.
- Nancy Hawley shared that 3+ trucks of furniture, supplies, and memorabilia have been donated to WCDP from the estate of Betty McCain.
- Melanie Mauze announced as a reminder the DWWC will be hosting a drop-in meeting on 02/25 from 3 pm - 5 pm at IconStar in their Positivity Garden.

Chairman Hawley shared photos of intended Democratic Headquarters located at 1502-A Nash Street.

Chairman Hawley provided brief summary of recent Winter SEC Meeting and reviewed the new slate of officers:

Anderson Clayton      State Party Chair

Jonah Garson            First Vice Chair

Kimberly Hardy            Second Vice Chair

Elijah King                Third Vice Chair

Melvin Williams         Secretary

Chair Clayton, at age twenty-five, is the youngest serving State Party Chair in the country. There was considerable discussion about the election of four new officers, and possible new and different directions for the State Democratic Party.

- Given Anderson Clayton's age and symbolic new direction for party, Jackie Williams declared the need for and support of the youth and young Democrats
- Chris Hardee urged strong support of the new slate of officers
- Joyah Bulluck shared information on upcoming event, "How NCDP Will Do It?", held 02/23 on Zoom from 8 pm - 9 pm (Event link [HERE](#))

Chairman Hawley reviewed upcoming dates for Democratic Convention. The Wilson County Democratic Party Convention will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, starting at 10:00 AM, at the Wilson County Courthouse,

Chairman Hawley provided the Nominating Committee Report

- No names have yet been provided by the Nominating Committee following their 02/13 meeting.
- Following their upcoming meeting on 03/25, they hope to have a proposed slate of officers.
- Chairman Hawley read letter from Dante Pittman in regard to 02/13 meeting.
- Interest or nominations can be directed to [dantepittman4@gmail.com](mailto:dantepittman4@gmail.com) - Elections/ Nominations will be held for the following:
- All County Party Officers: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Treasurer is now appointed by the Chair, in consultation with Party Officers.
- State Executive Committee Members
- Local Board of Elections

Chairman Hawley gave presentation that reviewed the 2022 Midterm Elections

- Presentation included data and graphs on voter turnout and highlighted GOP vs Dems comparisons.

Chairman Hawley reviewed upcoming Precinct Organization dates (02/25 - 03/11) and intended expectations for unorganized precincts.

- Nancy Hawley highlighted the work and brainstorming efforts provided by the Precinct Organization Committee and shared information and flyers about the upcoming event on 03/04.
- Chris Hardee and Joyah Bulluck shared feedback and input on the importance of Precinct Organization and suggested recruitment efforts.

Following floor discussion of Precinct Organization and upcoming events, Chairman Hawley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting: Jackie Williams so moved and Chris Hardee seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned about 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyah Bulluck, Acting Secretary