

## **General Meeting of the Bulloch County Democratic Party—April 21, 2018**

The General Meeting of the Bulloch County Democratic Party was held April 21, 2018, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the City Annex with Chair Ivory Watts convening the session at 12:12 p.m. Ten were present.

Other than distribution of the minutes from the March meeting, the Recording Secretary had no report.

Treasurer Don Armel submitted a report showing \$211.99 spent for the 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairs' lunch, leaving a balance of \$4,928.67.

The president of the GSU Young Democrats, Eduardo Delgado, reported that the organization is in the process of renewing certification. In addition, By-laws will be changing to allow affiliate members. The bank account is in the process of being changed from BB&&T to an agency account through GSU. John Brown, faculty sponsor, announced that with his retirement, a new faculty or staff sponsor will be needed next year.

Under Old Business, Ivory gave an overview of the DPG training recently provided and stressed the phone banking using Hustle to be held April 28. Details will be sent later, but it will be on the GSU campus at a place with free wifi.

On Facebook she will also be seeking volunteer s to attend the Vidalia Onion Festival April 27-29. The Commit-to-Vote cards will be used there and at all events. Eduardo will post information about the Arts and Crafts activities that go along with the festival.

Ivory called attention to Tuesday, the last day to register to vote in the primary, and noted that early voting starts on April 30. Saturday voting is May 12.

Shontelle Childress called for volunteers to help with various committees for the Gala. Bill Herring volunteered to be on the Awards Committee, and Dahlia Newton committed to helping with decorations. The student center ballroom has been confirmed for the event, and a budget will be detailed later.

Turning to new business, Ivory announced that an Executive Board meeting will soon be called. Next general meeting will be May 19 at the same time and place.

A Watch Party was considered for the night of the primary. The idea will be discussed further. A number of candidates plan to come to Statesboro for Politics 1 on 1. On Sunday Sarah Amico, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will speak if a venue can be located. On April 26 four office seekers will speak from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the RAC: Janice Laws, Insurance Commissioner; Mary Felton, Board of Education District 5; Don Armel, City Council District 5; and Fred Quinn, Labor Commissioner. May 3 is the date for R.J. Hadley, Secretary of State; Trent Nesmith, Congress District 12; and Cindy Zeldin, Insurance Commissioner, to speak for a Politics 1 on 1 session.

Ivory announced that Corey Booker will not be here for the Day of Action planned for May 5. Eric Holder, former Attorney General, is a possible speaker instead.

Looking to the fall, John inquired about the possible location of party headquarters. Ivory has some possible locations in mind and noted that we might have help from the state party. John suggested we might rent space from the winner of the 12<sup>th</sup> District congressional campaign. Rides to the polls are encouraged by the state party. Ivory is taking names of potential drivers. Five are needed for May 12 or May 22. Liz Johnson said we need to know who has the responsibility, the county or the state. Ivory will check further on this.

Under Other Business, the party is looking for designs for a county tee shirt that will be available for sale.

The Richmond County fundraiser breakfast will be May 5. Tables for eight are \$350 or \$25 for one.

John moved that the meeting adjourn. Jessica Orvis seconded the motion, which carried at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dahlia Newton, Recording Secretary