

General Meeting of the Bulloch County Democratic Party July 21, 2018

The General Meeting of the Bulloch County Democratic Party was convened at 12:03 p.m., July 21, 2018, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Bulloch County Annex. Chair Jessica Orvis presided with 20 in attendance.

Jim Nichols moved to accept the minutes from the June meeting. John Brown seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair reported that the bank balance remains unchanged from last month.

The Chair updated information on the Independence Gala. The date has been changed to Sept. 7 to avoid conflict with the State Convention. Invited guests include Stacey Abrams, John Barrow, Francys Johnson, and Sarah Riggs Amico. The Boardroom next to the Ballroom will be site of the fundraiser, which starts at 5:30 that evening. Bill Herring suggested that candidates for Public Service Commissioner also be invited.

Herring announced the party headquarters on East Olliff will be available for future meetings until the election.

The Chair reported that the March for Immigration had good attendance and media coverage.

Brown reported on the recertification for the Young Democrats at Georgia Southern and reiterated the need for a faculty advisor when he retires next year.

The Chair has been in touch with Jim Healy, publisher of the Statesboro Herald, about arranging a debate between the candidates for Congress for District 12. The Young Democrats are interested in being a sponsor.

Eduardo Delgado, chair of the Young Democrats, is planning to have voter registration on campus. Additional sites for voter registration were suggested: the Farmers Market, Ogeechee Technical College and East Georgia.

An ad hoc committee for voter registration was formed. (See attached list.) The possibility of assembling a voter registration kit was discussed. Herring noted that we have a banner that could be used. A FAQ list will be compiled by the committee.

Connie Johnson discussed a postcard writing project being planned by the Indivisibles to support the GOTV effort. The time for mailing and the cost of postage were discussed. Jane Page moved that the Party pay for postage and Janice Cawthorn seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Source of postage funds will be discussed later. An ad hoc committee was formed to carry out the post card project. (See attached list.)

Brown reported on the recent State Committee meeting. The state party has \$1.9 million. Needed revision of state party bylaws could not be accomplished because a quorum was lacking.

The number of delegates the local party can send to the Aug. 25 State Convention appears open to interpretation. After discussion it was decided that the local party can send our two state committee members, four voting delegates and two alternates. The Chair called for a show of hands for those present who were interested. Information about the selection of delegates will be emailed to all members.

Herring moved that if more than six would like to be delegates, a called meeting be held to select them, following the guidelines provided by the state. Nichols seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Chair stressed that non delegates could also attend the convention.

A signup sheet was circulated for those who could provide rooms for candidates and their staff when they come to Statesboro. (See attached list.)

The next meeting will be Aug. 18.

Brown called to adjourn and Nichols seconded. The motion passed at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dahlia Newton, Recording Secretary