

## **General Meeting of the Bulloch County Democratic Party June 16, 2018**

The Bulloch County Democratic Party met June 16, 2018, in the Bulloch County Courthouse Annex. Vice Chair Jonathan McCollar convened the meeting at 12:01 p.m. with 14 present.

A request was made for motions from the floor to replace Chair Ivory Watts, who resigned prior to moving from the state. Bill Herring nominated Jessica Orvis and Connie Johnson seconded. She was elected unanimously.

Jonathan formally resigned his position, expressing appreciation for party members. The new Chair called for nominations from the floor to replace Jonathan, and Liz Johnson was nominated. She was elected unanimously.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as written.

Don Armel provided the Treasurer's report, \$4,928.67, the same as last month.

A fundraiser prior to the Gala has been requested. Following discussion, it was decided to have the fundraiser in an upstairs room of the union from 5:30 to 6:30. The downstairs reception will be from 6:00 to 7:00.

Speakers for the Gala will include John Barrow, candidate for Secretary of State, and Francys Johnson, candidate for Congress from the 12<sup>th</sup> district. Stacey Abrams, candidate for Governor, has also been invited to speak.

Ticket sales will start when Don can get them printed. Using the Blue Wave idea discussed at the last meeting, he will send design ideas on Face book for the Executive Board to choose from. A Save-the-Date card may be used instead of a ticket. Jessica will set up EventBrite. Don keeps track of cash that comes in and also keeps a master list of attendees.

Shontelle Childress, head of the decorations committee, has selected the caterer; and the Blackstone Band may be invited to play again this year.

Bill reported that the City Council will vote in July on proposed changes in alcohol laws.

Don described his effort to win the city council seat for District 5 and his view that a young Democrat should be identified to run for the seat in 2019.

Jessica reminded the group that July 24 is the date of the runoff for the office of State School Superintendant. She will repost the Facebook Politics One on One sessions in which the two candidates were interviewed.

Representing the Indivisibles group, Connie Johnson described a postcard signing event tentatively set for July 19. Don will help with printing.

Liz has more than 200 members in her newly formed group Women Win Elections. They come from as many as six states. The mission is to connect with women, train them as candidates and encourage them to use their collective power to win elections.

Adrienne Dobbs will step up her campaign for County Commissioner after the Republican primary. She asked about the kind of help the local party can provide.

Jessica will look into and report back about having a table for voter registration at the July 4 celebration. Adrienne will have a table at that event.

### **Old Business**

Opening of the party headquarters will be after the gala around September 1, following a suggestion by Bill. Joe Bill Brannon's building on Oliff is available.

### **New Business**

Bill encouraged attendance Tuesday at the City Council meeting. A vote will be taken on a feasibility study for transportation with a pilot project starting in September 2019.

Renata Newbill-Jallow suggested a local March for Children in opposition to the current immigration policy. Elisabeth Malloy and Michael Woody volunteered to form a committee and coordinate the event. A mid-September date was suggested.

Bill moved that the party donate \$200 to each of the three candidates for local office—Adrienne Dobbs, Carlos Brown, and Anthony Simmons. Liz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

He also moved that the party commit \$250 for the March after September 1, when funds come in from the Gala. Connie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jessica called for a motion to adjourn. Bill moved for adjournment and Sandy Rakestraw seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dahlia Newton, Recording Secretary