**NC 11 Democratic Party**

**Bi-Monthly Meeting - February 8, 2023**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Call To Order** Leslie Carey

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Chair

**Moment of Silence** Leslie Carey

Please consider Julia Buckner in your thoughts.

**Approval of Agenda**

No objection. Passed

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve Denise Marecki. Second – Karen Smith

Minutes are approved as presented.

**Recognition of Candidates/Elected Officials –**

District 11 is proud to introduce the candidates for officer positions for the Democratic Party of North Carolina. Each Candidate was given one minute to introduce themselves followed by questions and answers up to two minutes.

**Candidates for Chair included**:

LeVon Barnes

Anderson Clayton

Bobbi Richardson

Eric Terashima

**First Question for all candidates:**

NC11 Democrats worked hard to get out the vote last year.  Democratic turnout rate in 2022 was 60.7% in NC11 compared with 51.3% statewide, and 6.7% of NC11 Democrats who DID vote had skipped the 2018 mid-term.

What two changes at the State Party level would you most want to make over the next 12 months to support NC11 in boosting turnout and Democratic wins in 2024?

**Second Question for Chair candidates**

What roles would you assign to your 3 Vice Chairs?  And would you give each Vice Chair oversight of the related work done by Party staff?

**Second question for all Vice Chair Candidates**, starting with 2nd Vice Chair, then 3rd Vice Chair, followed by 1st Vice Chair candidates. One of the 1st Vice Chair candidates was not able to attend until later in the evening.

**Second Vice Chair candidates**

Dr. Kimberly Hardy.

Matt Hughes

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**Third Vice Chair candidates:**

Kendrick Cunningham

Elijah King

Chris Hardee

**First Vice Chair candidates**

Jonah Garson

Floyd McKissick

Every candidate offered wonderful credentials, great ideas for the future of the party, and a dilemma for every voter present. Thanks to all the candidates for attending and speaking tonight.

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**District Officers Reports**

**Chair’s Report** (provided by Denise Marecki) on Recent Activity and Upcoming Events

Denise announced that District 11 is looking for a Minority Affairs Chair to join the Executive Committee.

Precinct meeting packets have been sent out. Denise asked that once Counties have had their meetings, to enter all the results into vote-builder as soon as possible.

**First Chair’s Report:** Jenny Floyd reported that she is looking for a venue for the District Convention in May. She reminded everyone that there is a great tips document available that will help to have a successful County Convention. Four major things must be accomplished at the precinct meetings: Elect officers, collect sustaining funds, elect delegates for County Convention and submit Resolutions to the County Chair.

**Second Vice Chair Report**

Denise Marecki reminded everyone of the many excellent trainings that are on our YouTube Channel, our website and at NCDP. Call Denise for more information.

Tips sheet is at All things training on website.

**Third Vice Chair**

Karen Smith announced that the next meeting of this board will be held on June 14 . An April meeting might conflict with County Conventions.

Karen provided a link where the upcoming State Executive Committee meeting can be watched and added a link in chat.

The next deadline for the Newsletter is Feb. 17 at 5pm. We would like to see more news from counties. Be sure to send all new officer’s names to Karen for our records and for the webpage.

Please send in the dates for your county conventions and other events so we can post them on our calendar.

**Treasurer**

Julie Montenea said that the treasurer’s report will be attached to minutes.

Julie is a super user of VoteBuilder and is happy to assist with training or support. She can also pull lists for you and other help you might need.

**Association of County Chairs Report** – No Report

**County Reports**

**Sam Edney**, Transylvania County - has a list of requests for county chairs to discuss tomorrow night.

**Linda Knippa** reporting for Pat Solomon – we’re continuing strategic planning and debriefing from the 2022 election.

**Estelle Vickery** for Myrna Campbell Haywood County reported that they are working on precinct meetings, calling lists of strong democrats to be sure they are there. She also let us know that Myrna Campbell is at Duke University Hospital for a consult on possible upcoming surgery.

**Jeff Rose** for Buncombe County. Shout out to Denise for standing in for the meeting (Leslie had internet problems and lost connection early in the meeting). Jeff reported that they are getting 83 precinct meetings organized. They will be training new officers and running a series of precinct officer training sessions. The trainings will be streamed for people who want to see it. It is designed to inform about what the job of precinct officers do. Folks from other counties are welcome to attend the training.

**Garrett Lagan**, Macon County – They are using lists from votebuilder to invite people to precinct meetings. They’re having great results with people who will come, donate, or volunteer.

**Announcements**

Karen reminded everyone of the Newsletter deadline.

Denise Marecki thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said how much we’ve enjoyed hearing from all the candidates.

Meeting adjourned by Denise Marecki, 3rd vice chair in the absence of the Chair and 1st Vice Chair. 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Barnett, Secretary.