

CCDP Monthly Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017
5:30PM – 7:30PM
Famous Restaurant
2210 Neuse Blvd. New Bern NC 28560

I. Call To ORDER/Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call of Precincts/Board Members-Elected Officials/Minutes of May(Picnic) 2017 Meeting, Secretary Harmon.

-Roll Call, Precincts Present of 15 organized: Grantham 2B Vice Chair, Brices Creek, George Street, Fort Totten, Fairfield Harbour, Glenburnie Park, Trent Woods Chair and Vice Chair, River Bend Vice Chair, Rhems, H.J. MacDonald, West New Bern Vice Chair, Grantham 1A- Chair, Vice Chair, Vanceboro. 13/15 organized precincts present.

Unorganized precincts represented: Havelock, Bridgeton, Croatan.

- Elected Officials present: Alderman Bernard White of New Bern, Register of Deeds Sherri Richard, District 3 Commissioner Johnnie Sampson.

-May 22 Meeting/ Picnic Recap: 86 people attended, with 11 of 15 organized precincts represented. It was a great family friendly event with food, fellowship, and a raffle.

III. New Business

-Greetings from 1st Vice Chair Richard Friend, newly elected 1st Vice Chair. Mr. Friend is pleased and excited to join us and promote our values. He has been a resident of New Bern since August 2016 and a member of the Democratic Party for decades.

IV. Presentations:

-Communications: 3rd Vice Chair Gilmore:

AHA facts and methods via Stan Greenburg, 4 million will lose coverage next year. Facts will be sent out to email list as talking points. Includes tools for reaching a Republican audience- tie the facts back to a value. Stan Greenburg's advice to address the Senate's proposed health care bill:

1. Talk about things which affect voters. Emphasis on pre-existing conditions as a point of connection- everyone has or knows someone with a pre-existing condition who would stand to be affected by the bill.
2. Tie facts to values, Greenburg found that when you link criticisms back to core values, this has been shown to be effective at shifting opinions on health care bill. Example: Medicaid cuts which affect nursing home coverage, tie to our belief about caring for the elderly.
3. Attack the process- there were no public hearings for this bill, vs. 79 public hearings plus Republican amendments to Obamacare. This bill is the result of 13 white Republican male Senators with no input from women, doctors, nurses. Additionally: Over the next ten years the 400 richest families in the US will get \$33 billion in tax give aways. Enough to fund Medicaid for 700,000 Americans. Do we value these few rich families over 700,000 Americans.

4. Emphasize action: CALL your senators' local and DC offices. State that you are a constituent and you want your Senator to vote no on the healthcare bill. Email is not effective. Senators are tallying responses from phone calls and our efforts will have an impact on their decision. Numbers for elected officials will be sent out via email to email list. This week it is critical to contact Senators prior to 4th of July recess.

V. Precinct Updates:

Grantham 2B Vice Chair- new mailers sent out, first precinct meeting June 15, received precinct training from Helen Robinson.

Brices Creek- sent out post cards three times to members, some new members have come in. Brainstormed calling cards to hand out. 3rd Vice Chair Gilmore will send out calling cards template for all precinct chairs.

George Street- have had several meetings over the past month, Helen Robinson providing precinct training July 25.

Fairfield Harbour- September 30, Fairfield Harbour Precinct fundraiser Yard Sale- all are invited. Once confirmed details will be posted to the Craven County Democrats website and Facebook page.

Trent Woods- Precinct party in September, training July 25 with Helen Robinson 7pm Trent Woods City Hall. Have passed out calling lists, will be running Mumfest booth.

River Bend Vice Chair- updating list of Democrats in River Bend, creating walking and call lists. Identifying and sending welcome letters to new Democrats in the area. Precinct BBQ in July.

West New Bern- Focus on communicating regarding issues, lately focused on education regarding Russia and healthcare, sample letters to editors passed out.

Grantham 1A- Chair, Vice Chair- Hosted Blueberry festival with Grantham 2B. Had 25 attend training with Helen Robinson. Newly registered voter outreach.

Vanceboro- nothing on schedule for summer.

13/15 organized precincts present. Unorganized precincts represented:

Havelock- Reports attempting to organize a meeting, no meeting place yet, but pursuing. Mid August meeting date to be announced.

Bridgeton- Pat Purnell would like to head up organizing precinct, will get her a list of Democrats to begin networking and organizing.

Croatan-Athena Bernall would like to network within her precinct, will send list of contacts.

VI. Chairman Brief:

-Precinct Directives: planning for Election Cycle. Sign up for poll workers is occurring at Board of Elections, several positions are open including greeters, curbside attendant, poll workers.

-We also need to recruit candidates for municipal positions, candidates must be submitted this July. Positions include: Dover-Mayor and Alderman, Havelock Mayor and Commissioners, New Bern Mayor, Alderman.

-Express support for Governor Cooper and thanks for all those who attended his local event.

-Equal Rights Amendment: Proposal for NC to ratify ERA amendment, Democratic Women of Craven County will attend County Commissioners meeting 2nd floor commissioners meeting room on August 7, at 7 pm. Those attending in solidarity, please wear purple.

VII. Announcements:

Commissioner Sampson announces that Melanie at Board of Elections is holding a meeting regarding Board of Elections rules and regulations. Location: Board of Elections Craven Terrace meeting area, August 7.

Bob Costanzo announces he is organizing a golf fundraiser, if anyone is interested please let him know.

VIII. Closing/Motion to Adjourn
Meeting adjourned 7:37 PM EST