



Minutes from monthly meeting, April 24, 2017
6:30PM, Famous Restaurant, 2210 Neuse Blvd, New Bern

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dorothea White, chair.

The meeting room was filled to capacity and a number of people stood throughout the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Elected officials attending the meeting were introduced. The treasurer called the roll of precincts; 19 of the 26 precincts were represented by precinct leaders or members.

Dorothea White welcomed members and new, first-time attendees. A number of people were with us for the first time.

The new officers of the board were then sworn in for their two-year terms by Terri Sharp, Clerk of Court for Craven County. The new officers are Dorothea White, chair; Helen Robinson, second vice chair; James Gilmore, third vice chair; Amber Harmon (absent), secretary; Elizabeth Griffin, treasurer. The first vice chair seat is vacant at this time.

The chair stated that she had appointed John Robinson to be our parliamentarian. Mrs. White also announced that she was looking for volunteers to serve as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. James Gilmore announced that he was looking for people with computer skills to serve on a communication committee.

Guest speakers were introduced by the chair. They were Pam Woods, president of the Craven Co. chapter of the NAACP, and Michael Schachter, vice president and political director of the same NAACP chapter. They encouraged our members to join their organization. Mr. Schachter explained that the NAACP is a non-partisan organization involved with voter registration, lobbying legislators to respect all voters, and conducting its own get-out-the-vote drives. He talked about the bill proposing changes to redistricting in North Carolina (HB554) but predicted it would die in the legislature on "Crossover Day" later this week.

The auxiliary committee chairs were asked to report on their committee's activities. Pat Chylko explained that the Democratic Women of Craven County have been having many new members in attendance at their meetings. She mentioned the rally which will be held this coming Saturday at Union Point Park. It has been organized by the young women in the "Sister's Project" which the DWCC has conducted recently. The rally will be in support of "Jobs, Justice and the Climate."

Ann Herndon, chair of the African American caucus, told us about their recent "town hall" at which Angela Bryant, chair of the African America caucus in the North Carolina legislature was the speaker. She said more town hall meetings would be held this year.

Dorothea White listed some upcoming events including the District 3 convention which will be held on May 20 in Greenville. She also announced an upcoming fundraising lunch for Partners in Education at which Gov. Roy Cooper will be the featured speaker. The lunch will be on June 13 and the price of a ticket is \$25.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. following a motion to adjourn by John Robinson and a second by Theron McCabe.