

SEANC District 47

Minutes-May 5, 2005

1. Call meeting to order: 5:40 p.m.
2. Members attending: Kathy Cope, Doranna Anderson, Sidney Henderson, and Ronald Still.
3. Minutes of March 3, 2005, submitted by Ronald Still and approved as written.
4. Treasurer's report by Doranna Anderson approved with substitute document.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship report by Doranna Anderson. Morgan Pace, Zebulon, was awarded the District 47 \$250 scholarship. The check will be issued in June to the college registrar. The application was passed on to the statewide committee for judging for a \$1,000 scholarship.
 - b. EMPAC - Sidney Henderson attended EMPAC training in April. SEIU hosted the training and it was worthwhile. When a district has 10% of its members participating in EMPAC checkoff, the district will receive \$1,000. Doranna and others who were not being withheld will need to fill out and submit another form. Mark Dearmon will be Paula Schubert's assistant on the state committee. The next meeting will be in June at the Brownstone in Raleigh with the Board of Governor's meeting. EMPAC fund raising at the regional level will not have to submit a portion of its funds to the statewide committee.
 - c. Membership - Ronald Still said District 47 is down 28 members since October 1 and adding 100 new members will assure us another delegate to convention. Ron will attempt to match all new members signed up by District 47's members. Doranna will have a membership drive in the Archdale Building.
 - d. Communication - Ron Still reported that 7 members have dropped off the E-mail list and may have left state government. The plan is to call the missing 7 and the 39 folks who are "mail only" members in an effort to get current E-mail addresses to maintain communication. If the E-mail addresses are not available, letters will be sent to them notifying them on the annual meeting. Leadership will be sent current contact information for our members.
 - e. Community Service - Ron Still asked members to consider what project they wished to work with for the next year. The other consideration was what project could be done by our small district that would have a greater

effect on the community and produce a greater amount of benefits. Basic Needs produced \$1.4 million in benefits in 24 months. It is still about \$63,000 in debt.

- f. Policy Platform - No report from Edna Todd. It is early for a consolidated report.
 - g. Retiree - Kathy Cope has mailed the first written news package to retirees and others who do not have E-mail communication addresses on file.
 - h. State Communications - Kathy reported that Robo calling was coming, but there might be a small fee to the districts which use it. There was a suggestion from the committee that districts consider starting a blog. It may save labor if we set up polling software on our site or on a common site.
6. Old Business
- a. Sidney Henderson made a motion that District 47 sell Autobell car wash certificates for one month. Sales should start about June 1. Ron seconded. Carried. Doranna will do the paperwork.
 - b. The hospitality rooms for convention must be reserved by May 16. Ron made the motion to authorize Doranna to secure a room for eating and meeting at convention for \$700 or less. Doranna will verify rooming cost for the convention and check with caterers on services and costs.
 - c. Ron Still brought back the bylaws changes for questions, then held them for action at the annual meeting in June. See March minutes.
7. New Business
- a. Ron will issue a letter to the State Employees Credit Union to substitute Kathy's name for his on the checking account.
 - b. Ron will accept nominations as the Nominating Committee and be responsible for notifying members about the vote at the annual meeting on the first Thursday in June. District Chairperson, District Vice Chairperson, and Treasurer are elected in the first round and delegates in the second. The Past Chairman is not elected and the rest of our leaders are appointed. Doranna announced as candidate for treasurer and Ron Still requested to be considered for chair of the communication committee.
8. Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

