

Historic Triangle Democrats
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023
via Zoom

Chair Jen Tierney opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Icenhour, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Reminder Corey's Southern Catering/Chicken Shack Dinner on Thursday Feb 23 at HTD headquarters
- In upcoming meeting, new HTD board members will be introduced — the Hospitality position for York/Poquoson is still vacant. Please volunteer if you are interested.
- Reminder all the Vice Chairs head up committees and need volunteers to work on them. Please send an email and we will hook up people with the right committee.
- 2023 Membership Drive is on-going — dues are not necessary but will be accepted. Please remember to fill out the form!
- Robbie Frankel, Monty Mason's new campaign manager, introduced to the group
- Jess Anderson, Dem candidate for the House Delegate District 71 race, introduced to group
- Max Blalock, candidate for the Roberts District School Board, introduced to group
 - Needs signatures please!
- Christine Payne talked about the Village Initiative & their work with the school system to address racial and socio-economic disparities within the system. Just released their latest equity report and urges everyone to take a look at it (will be included in a future HTD email).
 - WJCC has fallen short on their 5 year strategic plan and there are issues left to address specifically inequities in SOL scores among children of color and those in lower socioeconomic households compared to cohorts in the state
 - School Board meeting on 2/21 at James Blair MS. Village Initiative folks asking people to come and call on the school board to uphold their commitment
- Tara Hassan Taylor explains the new social media pages for HTD and encourages people to share/like/follow.

Presentation

- Connie Matthews Harshaw co-Chair of the Let Freedom Ring Foundation gave a detailed presentation about the foundation's work in Williamsburg — specifically with the First Baptist Church, the most historically significant black church in the United States — and about upcoming events of interest both locally and nationally.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8 pm.