

Young Democrats of Atlanta
General Body Meeting / April 3, 2019

Welcome _____ Jenny

Executive Board Updates _____ E-Board

- President - Jenny
 - *Young Dems Convention, sponsored 22 members, provided several tracks to training and development*
 - *2 awards during weekend- chapter of the year and women of the year.*
 - *YDATL Board member elected to state board, Maria*
 - *Raised money, which Eric will share more information about*
 - *Huge success and big thank you to everyone involved*
- Vice President - Zach
 - *Membership Update: 86 paid members. Goal of 150 by end of year. Encouraged first time visitors to join at ydatl.com*
- Finance - Eric
 - *Cash on hand \$7,000+, does not include proceeds from convention but will next month. Organization in strong position.*
- Communications - Maria
 - *Encouraged members to share events on social*
- Secretary - Kat
- Political - Porsha
 - *House and Senate adjourned last night*
 - *Abortion Ban did pass, encourage to contact Gov. Kemp and voice concern*
 - *THC oil passed for med purposes seen as positive step*
 - *Will not shackle pregnant prisons*
 - *Airport take over did not happen*
 - *Marta referendum will come back to Gwinnett*
 - *Small positives with voting but voting machines still controversial*
 - *Confederate monuments*
 - *Hate Crimes bill*
 - *Balanced budget*
- Activism - Jonathan
 - *City Council going to run off- Brian Amos and Antonio Brown*
 - *Open school board seat, special election in June*
 - *Political Activism committee next week will focus on what's next*
- Service - John
 - *Next Service event will be on April 13 with Trees Atlanta.*
 - *Will send out communication with more details shortly.*

- *Social - Brit*
 - *Protest against confederate monuments bill tomorrow*
 - *April 9 at 2:30, Election Integrity focus. See Millennials for Abram*
 - *YDATL Election Integrity Mixer with Sara Riggs-Amico*

HB 481 and Georgia's WIN List _____ *Jenny*

- Melita Easters, Executive Director and Founding Co-Chair, Georgia's WIN List
 - Women flipped red seats and Melita felt that men reacted to the new freshman women by attacking women
 - Democratic women outnumber republican counterparts
 - Abortion Bill, medial organizations came out in mass against the bill. What the General Assembly did by passing the Abortion Ban bill
 - At 6 weeks, the baby does not have a heartbeat. Takes away all autonomy a women has over her own body.
 - Intimidated by the fact women defeated a large number of them and are continuing to grow.
 - Next, Gov. Deal usually deleted all the bad bill prior to Masters. Gov Kemp will not sign until after Masters Tournament. The bill will become law unless he vetoes it. He does not even have to sign it
 - ACLU will sue. Preparing it now. Fed judges will likely suspend the law, like in other states with similar ones. View as a potential way to overturn Roe v. Wade.
 - In 2020, elect enough democrats who value reproductive freedom to rescind this bill come Jan 2021. Encouraged that this is doable.
 - Discussed history of questionable republican ethics related to the airport takeover and confederate monuments. Pointed out the same type of actions taken in the past and how we can counteract their tactics to take the state forward.
 - WIN List will hold trainings in May. FALL will endorse first round of early female candidates. Endorsed 36 last year and wrote checks. Huge social media following and will continue to work to flip seats and move the state forward. Been around for almost 20 years.
 - Question: Is WIN List and other pacs in Georgia looking to partner with other national organizations

Announcements from Members & Guests _____ *Jenny*

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- Liliana Bakhtiari, Planned Parenthood
 - More than 1 abortion ban that happened in the Senate and at the last moment came out of committee.
 - Women of color leading the fight for reproductive justice and collaborate communication effort.

- Lamented the terrible implications of HB 481 and the implication for medical services but shared that she did not think it will stand.
 - Encouraged field program focus
- Commissioner Hall
 - Introduced her team her were also in attendance
 - UPS partnered with Commissioner Hall to provide jobs. Also focused on Film Industry as source of jobs.
 - Affordable Housing also a key focus for her. Westside Future Fund at Gathering Spot is a group she is partnering with. Encouraged to get involved.
 - Departments came and discussed special programs offered to fulton county residents.
- Brett Lacey, Select Fulton Commissioner Hall Fulton County District 4
 - Spoke about economic development and help connect people with employment
- Sharee Williams
 - Community development and looking to partner on programming
- Fulton County Board of Health Member
 - Physician spoke about the role they play in public health and highlighted some key concerns
- Kirkland Carden, Gwinnett County Commission
 - Candidate for District 1 with focus on Marta, public safety, and economic opportunity for all residents.
 - Background in city planning
- Kyle Rinaudo
 - House District 35 candidate from Acworth, GA
 - Their current rep introduced HB 481 so he is running to unseat Setzler
- Rachel Paule, YDG
 - New YDG President introduced Maria who is new to their board as well to discuss upcoming fundraiser/socials coming up on Facebook
- Lewanna Tucker, Fulton County Dems
 - Chair of Fulton, Meeting next thursday. CWA union hall- new location this month. Invited to monthly meeting. Looking for social chair.
- Maria Banjo, YDG finance chair
 - New VP announced further collaboration with other dem orgs. Get in touch with her if you have connections.
- Justin Holsomback, DPG
 - National Convention in Indy July 17-21, Young Dems of GA, More info in two weeks, check their website
 - State Party Sec, Organizing Corp program was highlighted as were the applicants to the program, paid opportunity still taking applications, go to Dem Party of Ga website for more info.
 - Blue School coming back in June
- New Election Procedures Chair, made announcement about Board of Election terms

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, April 10 - Political / Activism Committee Meeting - Manuel's Tavern
- Saturday, April 13 - Trees Atlanta Service Event