

High Point Democrats in Action meeting
December 3, 2005

1. We attempted to elect officers, but pretty much stuck with who we already have, who have mostly been nominated and/or volunteered.
Chair: Kirby Heard
Vice Chair: OPEN Lloyd Bragoz was nominated and will think about it
Secretary: Angel Schroeder, Missy Coleman
Treasurer: Lynn Dostal
2. Lynn reported that our treasury was cleaned out by the picnic. We discussed opening a checking account. Someone suggested that BB&T offers no service fees for nonprofits.
3. Discussion of plans for Monday's Bush visit to Kernersville. The Forsyth Dems and state party are taking the lead with a post-speech rally. It was decided that HPDIA would not have an "official" presence, although several said they'd try to go.
4. Upcoming meetings:
12/18/05 4:00 at Bob Davidson's office
1/15/06 4:00 Bob's office. We will invite Jason Coley of the Guilford County Young Dems to come and talk to us about precinct organization.
Web sites on precinct organization: **precinctpower.com, vote-smart.org**
5. The group will be serving at Open Door Ministries 12/23 at 4:30. Those who can help got together and decided on what to serve. They will keep in touch with each other leading up to the 23rd, and this will be an ongoing project for us.
6. David Allen gave an excellent run-down of the N.C. Public Confidence in Voting Act and our County Board of Elections Supervisor's efforts to thwart it. The Act provides for paper ballots throughout the state, but George Gilbert plans to sabotage the intent of the law by ordering overpriced, unreliable machines. David urged us to write our county commissioners (Gilbert's bosses) and attend commission meetings (none in December). Also, on December 14 at the Sheraton downtown in Greensboro, voting equipment will be on public display. David urged us to go down and examine the machines and make ourselves known. For more information, visit David's Web site: **blackboxvoting.com**.
7. Robert Healy suggested two books that might interest us: *What We Do Now* by Dennis Loy Johnson, and *Start Making Sense* by Don Hazen.
8. A big thank you to Jim and Martha Brown for sharing their lovely home with us and feeding a bunch of cold, hungry Democrats!