

SEANC District 47 Annual Meeting  
July 1, 2004 – 5:30 p.m.  
SEANC Headquarters

1. Attendance –  
Members: Ron Still, Doranna Anderson, Diana Kees  
Guests: Sidney M. Sandy – candidate for SEANC office and Dist. 11, Lynn Cote – SEANC staff, Linda Gunter – Bowles for Senate campaign, Todd Barlow – North Carolinians for Health Care, Linda Rouse Sutton – SEANC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jennifer Weiss – Representative for Wake County, Kevin LeCount -
2. Call to order at 5:30 p.m.
3. Each guest had a few minutes to address the meeting.
4. Minutes, Acting as Secretary, Ronald Still – Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes since written copies are provided to attendees. Approved - Yes  
  
Motion for approval of the minutes of May 6, 2004 meeting. Approved – Yes
5. Financial Report, Ronald Still acting as Treasurer – Motion for approval of financial report through June 7, 2004. Approved - Yes
6. Chairman’s Report, Ronald Still – We have achieved most of the goals of the organizing committee. Now **we must find or grow a pool of committed officers and delegates to serve the district. We must look at the fundraising opportunities and search for folks skilled at raising funds.** It is a goal to cover scholarships, operating costs, and convention expenses for delegates. **We must find a way to increase communications with our retirees and members, who do not have e-mail accounts** at work or home. Since increased communications was one of the main justifications for starting a new district, I don’t feel satisfied with 95% coverage. I’d get a personal benefit from having active officers sending the district’s e-mail for their area of responsibility, since I currently e-mail news related to a dozen or so committees from the district to the state level. I’ve received a dozen or so thank you e-mails for getting the news out on a timely manner, folks asking to be added to the e-mail list, and one person asking to be removed from the list..
7. Vice-Chairperson, Kathy Cope – No formal report.
8. Community Service, Ronald Still – Basic Needs Ministry, a clothing operation, is changing its IRS tax status from a Church Auxiliary to a Public Charity. Since May 3, 2003, it has provided over \$242,000 in benefits and now has an inventory worth \$1 million. Since January 2004, it has distributed over 11,800 gift certificates worth over \$1.7 million to 180 churches, agencies, and community organizations, including most Central Region SEANC districts. Values are at

suggested retail price. We will consider at our first meeting of the new year, whether the district wishes to support a community service project next year.

9. Policy Platform and Bylaws, Ronald Still - District 47 has no proposals for this year's convention. Statewide issue papers will be picked up at the Raleigh meetings on July 29 and should be distributed to District 47's delegates by August 10. Convention delegates will be voting on the issues covered in these papers.
10. Membership, Ronald Still – The June 3, 2004, report shows we have 12 new members, 4 members who changed into our district, and one member changed her address. Although we are holding our membership at just under 300, we did lose over a dozen members to retirement in the last year.
11. Communications/Newsletter, Diana Kees – Next edition will be out after the vote results and delegates are selected.
12. EMPAC, Ronald Still – EMPAC Region 10, which covers the Raleigh area, will not be endorsing for the primary elections this year, but wishes to start interviewing the candidates without primary opposition and then the winners of the primary.
13. Nominating, Ronald Still – There were no replies to the e-mails requesting nominations for district candidates. Nominations for officers and delegates will be open from the floor.

Chairperson, who also serves as delegate – Ronald Still - Elected

Vice-Chairperson, who also serves as delegate – Kathy Cope - Elected

Treasurer, who also serves as delegate – Doranna Anderson

Delegate – Watson Sanders

Delegate – Wondelon Bennett

Delegate – John Seymour

Delegate – Barb Satler

14. Old Business, Ronald Still - Mr. Bedsole's scholarship check will be sent to UNC-C this month.
15. New Business, Ronald Still - Goal for 2004-2005 will be to recruit a member to handle the non-e-mail communication and retiree coordinator.

Adjourn.

Minutes by Acting Secretary, Ron Still