

# **Waltham Democratic City Committee**

## **Minutes**

**Meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2015**

**Government Center Auditorium, 119 School Street, Waltham**

**Attendance:** Kelly Durkee-Erwin, Everett Erwin, Greg Turner, Alan Muir, Ted Tarallo, Ann O'Halloran, Cynthia Salamanis, John Gardiner, Scott O'Neil, David Perelman, and Robert Logan

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by Robert Logan, WDCC Chairman**

**Secretary's Report:** Kelly Durkee-Erwin filling in for Nancy Pratt, who is away.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. WDCC needs an independent bank account; waiting for receipt of EIN for WDCC.
2. Account will be setup with Scott O'Neil (Treasurer) as first signatory with Robert Logan (Chairman) as second authorized signatory for backup in case of emergency.
3. Waltham Democratic City Committee Brunch (see below) contract was received. Down payment for hall rental to be delayed until \$150 is in new account.

### **WDCC Brunch:**

The WDCC Heroes Brunch will be held Sunday, April 19, 2015 at the Piety Corner Club, 2 Worcester Lane, Waltham. Doors open at 11:30AM. Event ends at 1:00PM.

Nominations were taken from the floor, and the following were chosen to be honored by unanimous vote of the committee:

2015 Honorees are Scott O'Neil, Greg Turner, and NAGE (the National Association of Government Employees).

The cost is \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door).

Please mail checks (\$30/person) in advance of the event (if possible) to:

Scott O'Neil, WDCC Treasurer 707 South Street Waltham MA 02453

### **Spring 3rdMAD Fundraiser:**

3MAD has purchased 1 ticket to the 4/27/2015 Roosevelt Dinner.

Purchase a raffle ticket for \$20 for YOUR chance to win.

Send a note with your contact information and your check for \$20 for your chance to win to: Al Schmertzler, 3rdMAD Treasurer - 142 Chestnut Circle, Lincoln, MA 01773

Drawing for the winner will be made at the April 3MAD meeting.

You need not be present to win.

### **3rdMAD 2015 Spring Honorees Breakfast (Theme – Worker Bees):**

Date: May 9, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 420 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA

Nominations were taken from the floor, and the following were chosen to be honored by unanimous vote of the committee:

2015 Waltham honorees – Dave and Mary Jane Kaloupek.

**2015 WDCC Bunch Committee:**

Volunteers needed. Please call Kelly if interested, 781-789-8018

**Democratic State Committee:**

Kelly Durkee-Erwin was appointed to the DSC Field Services Committee for 2015.

**Ward Reorganization:**

Per posting, wards were allowed to reorganize. Ward 8 added new member David Perelman to fill an open member slot on the Ward 8 committee. Welcome David!

**Guest Speaker:**

Ann O'Halloran – Citizens for Public Schools – spoke on the subject of charter schools and the dangers of believing the hype of their wonders without doing background research. Charter schools have been shown over time to be for-profit centers, that cherry pick the best of the best students and as troubled students weed themselves out, they are not replaced by other low-performing students. Students that don't do well as sent back. Charter schools also do not allow teachers to organize/unionize. Make sure you know how your legislators stand on this issue.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pratt,  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 19, 2015 @ 7PM. Tom McGee, MDP Chair will host a conversation on transportation. (Kelly called him and he confirmed.)