Waltham Democratic City Committee

Minutes

Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2014

Government Center, 119 School St., Waltham, MA

Attendance: Paul Wilbur, Stephen Redding, Marcia Cruz Redding, Scott O'Neil, Steve Middlebrook, Cynthia Salamanis, Ed Tarallo, Peter Koutoujian, Greg Turner, Alan Muir, Russell Greenberg, Susan Burstein, Robert Logan, Nancy Pratt and guests: Chris Kelleher (potential new member) and Marilyn Devaney, Member of Governor's Council.

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert G. Logan at 7:05 p.m.
- Guest speaker Michael Sullivan, candidate for Middlesex District Attorney spoke about his campaign, asking audience for a vote in September primary.
- Guest speaker Deb Goldberg, candidate for Treasurer and receiver General of Massachusetts, spoke about her campaign, asked for support, and answered questions from the audience.
- Chair Robert Logan announced that Steve Kerrigan, candidate for Lieutenant General in the September primary had a conflict and was not able to attend.
- Secretary Nancy Pratt requested discussion of recent State Convention in Worcester. Audience offered comments on the following topics: lack of security at entry; location of Third MAD, including Waltham in upper level of DCU Center; balloting procedures; lack of accommodation for disabled delegates; food situation; lack of secret ballots; overall issues with venue; lighting during podium presentations; lack of music during lag times; traffic flow, especially of candidates' supporters. Several suggestions were made for improvement including: use of bar coding in future; increase of volunteers; availability of Wi-Fi; communication re: rules for allowing an alternate to vote if a delegate needs to leave the convention before balloting begins. Complaints and suggestions will be forwarded to State committee as well as to Waltham State Committee member Susan Burstein.
- Greg Turner spoke about the candidacy of Warren Tolman for Attorney General and encouraged members to consider his campaign as well as the Mass Democratic coordinated campaign.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Pratt, Secretary