

Waltham Democratic City Committee

Minutes

Meeting of Thursday, May 21, 2015

Government Center Auditorium, 119 School Street, Waltham

Attendance: Dave Sandison, Scott O'Neil, Cynthia Salamanis, Ed Tarallo, Carol Gill, Nancy Pratt, Steve Middlebrook, Everett Erwin, Kelly Durkee-Erwin, John Gardiner, Alan Muir, Edmund Tarallo, Russell Greenberg, Greg Turner, Robert Logan, Joe Giordano, David Pearlman, Carlos Vidal.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by Robert Logan, WDCC Chairman

Minutes:

Chairman Logan who announced that the minutes of prior meetings would be posted on the WDCC website.

Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was held to honor a recently passed member of the WDCC, Agnes Monahan.

Introductions:

Candidates for local office were introduced: Greg Turner and Carlos Vidal – both running for City Councilor at large; Teddy Tarallo – running for reelection to the Waltham School Committee; and Robert Logan- running for reelection as Ward Nine Councilor.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott O'Neil announced that he had opened a new account at the Watertown Savings Bank with Robert Logan as co-signer. Scott has contacted the Office of Campaign and Finance as well as the IRS to determine filing requirements. He also announced a profit of \$500 from the recent Heroes' Brunch and that the current balance on the account is \$1,795.11. (Anyone with outstanding requests for reimbursement should contact him.)

Caucus:

Chairman Logan announced that the caucus for Waltham will be held on June 6 at the Northeast Elementary School on Putney Lane at 10 a.m. He will bring all required paperwork. Logan also informed the attendees that the State Convention is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 in Springfield. Some discussion was held relative to the number of delegates per ward, the required gender balance for each ward. Those members who cannot attend the caucus but who are interested in being elected as a delegate can send a letter of interest to their Ward Chair and to Robert Logan.

Kelly Durkee- Erwin announced that, as Chair of Ward One, she will not be able to attend the caucus.

Reimbursement:

A motion was made and supported to reimburse the cost of coffee and doughnuts for the caucus, not to exceed \$50.

Annual BBQ & Picnic:

It was announced that the annual August picnic will be held on Thursday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Prospect Hill Park. Free for members and \$5 for guests.

Joe Giordano:

Scott O'Neil recognized another elected official in attendance, Joe Giordano, Ward Councilor for Ward 7, a candidate for reelection.

Reorganization:

Kelley Durkee Erwin reminded the attendees of the need for reorganization of the WDCC; nomination papers will be available in August; five signatures are required for names to be placed on the Democratic ballots.

Vote Builder:

A short discussion was held on the opportunity for access to the Vote Builder system. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Discussion of tickets for the Third MAD recent breakfast was held, including apologies for lack of communication.

Announcements:

Kelley Durkee- Erwin announced that her younger brother's service dog had recently been killed and that she was fundraising to replace the dog. Several suggestions were made by attendees for fundraising.

Announcements continued with information that the Clinton campaign was holding an upcoming meeting in Newton, focused on voter registration

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pratt,
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on June 18 at 7:00PM.