

**Ward Eight Democrats, Inc.
General Business Meeting**

July 19, 2014

Present: Natalie Williams, President, Theresa Kelly, Recording Secretary, Barbara Jones, 1st Vice President, Deloris Walker, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Anthony Motley, Sheila Bunn (At-Large), Darryl Ross, Treasurer, Arnehl Lyon and Phillip Pannell.

Excused:

Unexcused: 2nd Vice President Trayon White, Wanda Lockridge, Committeewoman, Mary Cuthbert, Committeewoman, Nate Bennett-Fleming, US Shadow Representative, Charles Wilson, Committeeman, Anthony Muhammad and Verna McKelvin.

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm	
Determination of a Quorum	Natalie Williams, President confirmed a quorum was present (at 12:55pm).	
Approval of Minutes	The Minutes were approved with corrections.	.
	Today's meeting was a GOTV meeting. Natalie had a Conference call meeting with the the majority of the Committee Chairs. Activities to support the GOTV were discussed with the respected committees. Natalie put the GOTV feedback on the Calendar. Natalie took ideas and plugged the information on the Calendar. The following are dates of activities over the next few months.	

- August 2, 2014.....Voter Registration/National Night Out/Pavillion
- August 5, 2014.....National Night Out/Voter Registration Day
- August 13, 2014.....Executive Board Meeting at Arrington Dixon’s house to see the layout and walk through his home for the GOTV Fundraising event on August 16.
- August 16, 2014.....GOTV Kick-off at Arrington Dixon’s house, 2041 Shannon Place. This is a Ward Eight Democratic Unity Fundraiser.
- August 18, 2014.....”Go Fund Me” Campaign
- September 6, 2014.....Voter Registration at Giant Food store
- September 19, 2014.....”Date With a Democrat”, Fundraising Event
- September 20, 2014..... Canvassing as a Team
- September 25, 2014..... Knoxville Senior Day
- September 27, 2014..... ACC Boat Ride
- September 30, 2014..... Willard Creek (Senior Day)
- October 2, 2014.....Dupont Park (Senior Day)
- October 4, 2014.....Town Hall, Conversation with our Democratic Candidates
- October 5, 2014.....Mother Tea
- October 7, 2014.....Wynn Park, Senior Day
- October 9, 2014.....Overlook Park, Senior Day
- October 11, 2014.....Senior and Youth Collaboration
- October 14, 2014.....Walker House, Senior Day
- October 16, 2014.....Matthews Memorial Baptist Terrace/Senior Day
- October 18, 2014.....Door to Door Canvassing/General Business
- October 21, 2014.....Pass Out Flyers, Senior Day
- October 23, 2014.....Roundtree, Senior Day
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Phone Banking will take place during the last two weeks of October.

Natalie suggested that the Seniors sign up for Breakfast at IHOP . The date is tentative.

Natalie will email the Calendar of Events to the Executive committee members.

	<p>There is a problem with the website. A passcode and password is needed to access the website. If Marcus Batchelor cannot be reached by the end of the week, a new website will be developed by the organization. A memo should be written and notarized to have a domain for the organization. A trademark or copyright should also be considered.</p> <p>Barbara will have a big concert on the Patricia Harris Field. People can sign up for the event. Suggestions included that the Flyer could look like a ballot and include a logo of the organization on the Flyer . Flyer could include pictures of the candidates. These Flyers could be in Arrington’s house for distributing in the community.</p> <p>Barbara wants information with young people to include: “What is a Democrat”?, “What does it represent”?, A civil rights activist could share information on the struggle in America.</p> <p>Natalie want to get the website moving to include: where money is going and information on Election day. We need to be visible and work with the Finance Committee. At the next Finance meeting, the “Go Fund Me “Campaign should be discussed.</p> <p>Deloris was asked to identify events in the Ward. To send event information to her, use the following website: dvloris@gmail.com.</p> <p>Three names of interested Veterans are needed to work with Ward 8 Democrats. We need veterans to zero in on Veteran affairs. Barbara and Rev. Motley will work together in this effort. The veterans should live in Ward 8. Former President, Jacques Patterson was a suggested name. Other names should be sent to Barbara.</p> <p>Darryl shared the Treasurer’s report. A fifty dollar check with a fee was mailed to Melvin Deal. Rev. Motley recognized Darryl’s work for the internal and external issues with the Legislature committee and legal concerns. The next Treasury report will document the Court findings of the Issues and Legislation committee in March and last report.</p> <p>Hillary Brown stated that the Treasury report cannot be approved because it is filed for</p>	<p>Place domain for new website on the Agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Ask for literature and signs in next meeting.</p>

audit.

State Board of Election Race: A lot of advertisement was used and a lot of money was spent. The turnout was disappointing. Natalie congratulated Tierra Jolley . She now has a seat on the Executive Board to serve once she is officially sworn in at the General Business meeting. Natalie, as well as other members thanked Phillip for his hard work and committee to Ward Eight and the city.

In the future when there are Special Elections , we will make a concerted effort to not be ignored, to educate and advocate with the Board of Elections.

Ms. Douglas suggested that we educate people on what “Special Election” means.

Next meeting: Discuss issue to “Vote by Mail”.

See what language needs to be used before the State Committee at September’s meeting. The Issues and Legislation committee will look at several states to see and study their “Model”.

Next Meeting: Rev. Motley suggested that we ensure that we include the following in the Platform for moving forward:

Public Office Candidates know the restrictions and parameters when we hold Educational Forums. There was also a discussion on how to handle future Elections.

Suggestions included:

- Engage churches in promoting organization and Voter Registration.
- Devise a method of creating issue oriented demographic/ mindset change.
- Develop awareness of issues/outreach

On Agenda: Put Ms. Williams on the Agenda and have Pastors present on second Saturday in August, 9am-11am.....Breakfast Meeting

	<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <p>Glenda J. Richmond announced her candidacy for U.S. Senator. Courtney R. Snowden announced her candidacy for DC Council At-Large.</p> <p>Theresa Kelly announced the Community Day event at the ARC on Saturday, July 26, 2014.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm	

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