

Ward Eight Democrats, Inc.
 General Business Meeting
 November 16, 2013

Present: Natalie Williams, President; Barbara Jones, 1st Vice President; Trayon White, 2nd Vice President; Theresa Kelly, Recording Secretary; Deloris Walker, Corresponding Secretary; Darryl Ross, Treasurer; Wanda Lockridge, Committeewoman; Mary Cuthbert, Committeewoman, Sheila Bunn (At-Large); Nate Bennett-Fleming, US Shadow Representative and Charles Wilson.

Excused: N/A

Unexcused: N/A

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm	
Determination of a Quorum	Natalie Williams, President confirmed a quorum was present.	
Approval of the Agenda	Agenda was approved by the General Business Meeting.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes were approved (with correction) by the General Business Meeting.</p> <p>Agenda Item #6-Ratification of Committee 2013-2015 Chairs</p> <p>Five Chairs of Issues and Legislation, Program Development, Senior, Youth Outreach and Public Relations were brought forth and shared their qualifications and addressed questions with the Democrats. They were approved and ratified.</p> <p>Two committee vacancies in Finance and Voter Registration need to be filled.</p>	<p>Next Steps: Verna McKelvin (Public Relations) will share her qualifications at the next meeting.</p> <p>Natalie invited Democrats to send in nominations.</p>

<p>Discussions</p>	<p>Agenda Item #7- Program Calendar/2013-2015 President Natalie Williams shared the document with the Democrats. The Program Calendar was adopted by the Democrats.</p> <p>Agenda Item #8 –Treasurer’s Report Darryl Ross, Treasurer, provided copies and addressed questions about the Treasurer’s report at the General Business Meeting. The Treasurer’s Report was approved. Three people need to satisfy their debt and pay for the Sponsor board.</p> <p>Councilwoman Anita Bonds greeted the Democrats and gave an update on upcoming Elections.</p> <p>Council Chair Phil Mendelson addressed and answered questions regarding current issues in the city.</p> <p>Agenda Item #9-Special guest Curtis Watkins, presented information on the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education. He addressed questions from the Democrats.</p> <p>Agenda Item #10- Old Business Kimberly Miller reminded the democrats to purchase the 2012 President Obama lip balm and to place Ads in the Ward Eight newsletter. Submissions to the newsletter should be sent to Kimberly or Darryl Ross by November 22.</p>	<p>Next Steps:</p> <p>Edited Dates and locations will be addressed at the next meeting.</p> <p>A letter will be drafted to the members stating the deadline for payment. Natalie will sign the letter.</p> <p>A statement will be drafted for the Hearing.</p> <p>The issue will be discussed at the Board of Elections on December 5, 2013, at 7pm.</p>
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	<p>Agenda Item # 11 – New Business Ward Eight Changes for Precinct Voters A Public Hearing will be held on November 21, 2013. There was a motion to ask that the Ward Eight Democrats prepare a written statement to the Board of Elections to Indicate support for keeping Voting Precincts “as is”. President Williams will testify on behalf of WED.</p> <p>Agenda Item #12 Announcements Members shared Announcements. Nate Bennett-Fleming expressed updates on Capitol Hill.</p> <p>Recommendations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss possibility of food being served at business meetings. • Changing Precinct boundaries for Voting on the Agenda. • Address two vacancies for Finance and Voter Registration. • Changes in location, dates and additions to Program Calendar. • Add the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton to the Calendar. • Add addresses to meeting places. • Add “Affordable Housing” on the Agenda. • Add contact names at the end of the Minutes. • Add “Outreach in the Community” to the Calendar. <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm</p>	<p>President Natalie Williams will testify and then refer this issue to the Issues and Legislation Committee.</p>
	<p>Natalie Williams, President, nataliewillimas9427@gmail.com (202) 904-9466 Theresa Kelly, Recording Secretary, Theresa.kelly1@verizon.net</p>	