

Ward Eight Democrats, Inc.  
 Business Meeting  
 November 15, 2014

**Present:** Natalie Williams, President; Barbara Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Theresa Kelly, Recording Secretary; Deloris Walker, Corresponding Secretary; Darryl Ross, Treasurer; Wanda Lockridge, Committeewoman; Sheila Bunn (At-Large); Charles Wilson , Committeeman; and **Nate Bennett-Fleming, US Shadow Representative.**

**Excused:** Phillip Pannell

**Unexcused:** Anthony Muhammad, Committeeman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Trayon White; Arrington Dixon, National Committeeman; Verna McKelvin and Mary Cuthbert, Committeewoman.

**Ward Eight Business Meeting (United Medical Center)**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm	
<b>Determination of a Quorum</b>	Natalie Williams, President confirmed a quorum was present at 12:50pm	
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>		
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>The Ward Eight Democrats did Community Outreach canvassing for Democrat candidates for the months of September and October, therefore, there were no Minutes to approve.</b></p> <p><b>Darryl Ross reviewed the Treasury Report. It was suggested that a line item be added for Voter Education for the GOTV efforts. The Muriel Bowser campaign owe one hundred dollars and Courtney Snowden committed to donate five hundred dollars to the GOTV campaign.</b></p>	

**Phil Pannell will be asked to provide receipts for the “Meet and Greet” event at the Sullivan’s house. Monica’s committee need to pay two hundred and fifty dollars.**

**Wanda Lockridge made a motion that Darryl Ross or Natalie Williams write a letter to both Campaigns. The Treasury Report was accepted.**

**Natalie shared a Slide Presentation on “Ward Eight Democrats In Election Results, Brief Analysis by Wards Citywide”.**

**There was a discussion around Wards 7 and 8 as to why more people don’t come out to vote at the polls. Discussion addressed ideas on what Ward Eight Democrats should focus on to meet the needs of the Community. Politicians should also be held accountable in meeting the needs of the Community.**

**The discussion also involved the need for the Community to be educated in the following:**

- **Why we vote?**
- **Expectations in Office.**
- **What is an ANC?**
- **What are Ward Eight Democrats?**

**The Issues and Legislation Committee will be asked to work on a Policy paper on “What Ward Eight Democrats Stand For”. This should involve:**

- **Democratic principles.**
- **Value in community.**
- **Meaning of Political.**
- **How We Effect Change**

**By January, the Plan should be in place.**

**Natalie spoke about the seven Standing Committees and invited everyone to sign up and help to make a difference. The following names are added to the Committees:**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Issues and Legislations Committee: Jackie Ward and Ron Williams</b></li> <li>• <b>Public Relations Committee: Rodney Bunn, Deloris Walker, Jackie Ward, Angela and Ron Williams</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Committee: Tina Fletcher and Ashley Walker</b></li> <li>• <b>Finance and Fundraising: Tam</b></li> <li>• <b>Voter Registration: Nate Flemming</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Franklin Garcia greeted the Democrats.</b>  <b>Sheila Bunn advised us to go to OPC.com for opportunities to serve on the Board for Ward Eight. We should be strategic in our thinking in suggesting names for the Board.</b></p>	
<b>Discussions</b>	<p><b>New ANC commissioners were introduced to the Body.</b></p> <p><b>Announcements included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Turkey Giveaway at Union Temple on November 25, 2014.</b></li> <li>• <b>Donation of books to State Committee by December 4, 2014.</b></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm</b></p> <p><b>Respectfully submitted by: Theresa F. Kelly, Recording Secretary</b>  <b>Natalie Williams, President</b></p>	