

Ward Eight Democrats, Inc.

Business Meeting

Anacostia Library

January 17, 2015

Present: Natalie Williams, President, Theresa Kelly, Recording Secretary, Trayon White 2nd Vice President, Darryl Ross, Treasurer, Wanda Lockridge, Committeewoman, and Arnehl Lyon.

Excused:

Unexcused: Sheila Bunn (At-Large), Charles Wilson ,Committeeman, Barbara Jones, 1st Vice President , Mary Cuthbert, Committeewoman, Deloris Walker, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Anthony Motley, Verna McKelvin, Nate Bennett-Fleming, US Shadow Representative, and Anthony Muhammad, Committeeman,

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm	
Determination of a Quorum	Natalie Williams, President confirmed a quorum was present.	
Approval of the Agenda	No Agenda for Special meeting on Violence.	
Approval of Minutes		

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Natalie Williams gave Greetings to the group and explained the role of the Ward Eight Democrats. She encouraged the group to find a candidate, vote and get active in the Community. A Special Election for a Ward Eight Council person is on April 28, 2015.</p> <p>There was a discussion on “Senseless Acts of Violence”. Members of the audience shared their concerns on what they believe the problems are in our Ward and why Youth are involved in violence in the community. Among the speakers were: Natalie Williams, Trayon White, Min. Tre’ona Kelty, Brenda Jones, Denise Barnes and Rev. Otis Meriedy.</p> <p>Min. Tre’ona Kelty , founder of “Beautiful You, Yes You”, explained the problems, needs and concerns of the Youth in the community. Some of the youth explained their plight in the Community. Some of their needs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs • College • Stability • Affordable Housing • Mentors <p>Natalie suggested that a sheet be passed around to get names from audience members and information on their talent, interest and solution for solving the problems of the Youth in the community.</p> <p>At-Large Councilwoman Elissa Silverman shared her role in assisting the Youth in the community. Councilwoman Silverman’s role include creating hope and opportunity for residents. She is on the Financial Revenue, Small Business, Housing and Employment Service committees. She wants to work with PTA Presidents.</p> <p>As an incentive to students, Verizon tickets will be given to deserving students.</p> <p>She represents Ward Eight until a Council person is selected. She suggested that persons go to Testify concerns before the City Council. Her email address is: elissa.silverman@dc.councilus. Her phone number is: (202)386-2173. Office phone number: (202)724-7772.</p>	
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	<p>Councilwoman Silverman encouraged everyone to sign up for her Weekly newsletter at Elissa2014.com.</p> <p>Marcus Batchelor is the Outreach Specialist for Community Affairs. He is a Resource person for Ward Eight. Marcus' role is to get a Community perspective and prepare notes for Mayor Muriel Bowser.</p> <p>His email address is: markus.batchelor2@dc.gov. His phone number is: (202) 251-8832.</p> <p>Natalie thanked everyone on behalf of the Ward Eight Democrats for a great discussion. The goal for us is to come up with real results for our Youth in our community.</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm</p>	
	<p>Respectfully submitted by Theresa Kelly, Secretary, Natalie Williams, President</p>	

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