

Ward Eight Democrats, Inc.  
 General Business Meeting  
 June 21, 2014

**Present:** Natalie Williams, President; Barbara Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Trayon White, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Charles Wilson, Committeeman, **Anthony Muhammad, Committeeman**, and Arhnel Lyon

**Excused:**

**Unexcused: Verna McKelvin**

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.	
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	Agenda was approved by the General Business Meeting.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	April 19, 2014 Minutes were eliminated from last month's meeting.	
<b>Discussions</b>	<p><b>April 19 Minutes were put behind us in order for the Executive Board to move forward. Natalie stated that It's about people who were elected to serve. She stated that we need to put our own personal differences aside and move forward.</b></p>	<p><b>Next Steps: Select Chairs within the Executive Board</b></p>

**Treasurer's Report**

Darryl Ross, Treasurer, presented ,provided copies and addressed questions of the Treasurer's report at the General Business Meeting. He filed the Campaign Finance report on June 10, 2014.

**Ratification of Committee Chairs**

A decision was made to fill all Chairs with members of the Executive Board. This will allow the Board to be unified and work together. Natalie introduced the Chairs to the General Business Body. They are as follows:

- Anthony Muhammad, Finance and Fundraising
- Verna McKelvin, Programming
- Phillip Pannell, Membership & Voter Registration
- Barbara Jones, Public Relations
- Markus Batchelor, Youth

Each Chair introduced themselves to the General Body and shared their plans. The Chairs were ratified by the General Body.

**GOTV Campaign- November 4, 2014**

Natalie , Chair of GOTV, stated that the Democratic candidates are depending on Ward Eight Democrats to deliver. The Ad Hoc committee involve Khadijah Tribble and Anthony Lorenzo. Natalie has met with them and the Chairs to make sure that they are involved in the development of the campaign.

Ms. Tribble and Mr. Tribble shared a slide presentation on the background of voters, what voters look like and ways to promote and encourage people to vote in Ward Eight. Rev. Motley , (Issues and Legislation)shared a slide presentation of the Democrat Candidate Platform Chart showing where Democratic candidates stand on Education, Public Safety, Seniors/Youth, Employment, Training and Housing. Three other candidates will be added to the list to address their standing on the issues. The committee is asked to pull out issues most important to the Ward Eight Democrats.

**The next step is to ask the candidates to respond to the vote.**

**Each Chair shared strategies for GOTV.**

**There will be a Special Election on July 15, 2014. It was suggested that a Flyer is developed to pass out to Ward Eight Democrats after the vote.**

**Volunteers are needed to work at the polls. One female and one male is needed for each Precinct. Volunteers are needed for Block captains.**

**Natalie stated that there will be a solid calendar and solid Plan for the next Executive meeting. The following will serve as Captains:**

- **118- Lorenzo and Juanita White**
- **122- Markus Batchelor**
- **112- Ann Taylor**
- **114- Charles Wilson**
- **116- Tiara Jones**

**Representatives are needed at meetings to represent Muriel Browser.**

**Arrington Dixon gave information on the update on Statehood.**

**Information on Bill to support Statehood is needed at the next Executive Board meeting.**

**It was suggested that Rev. Motley stay in touch with Arrington Dixon on the Bill to support Statehood.**

**Rev. Anthony was asked to give an update of Ballou's Resolution at the next meeting.**

**Katie Sheppard thanked everyone for coming out to support her Fashion show.**

**Natalie thanked everyone in effort to move forward in Ward Eight. We want to quash all rumors that the Executive Board can't "get it together".**

	Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm Respectly submitted by: Theresa Kelly, Secretary, <a href="mailto:theresa.kelly1@verizon.net">theresa.kelly1@verizon.net</a> Natalie Williams, President, <a href="mailto:nataliewilliams9427@gmail.com">nataliewilliams9427@gmail.com</a> (202)904-9466	

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