



## Meeting Agenda

Monday February 24, 2020

6:30pm-8:00pm

### Chair

Gordon-Andrew  
Fletcher, Esq.

### 1st Vice Chair

Khadijah Williams

### 2nd Vice Chair

Jatarious Frazier

### Recording

#### Secretary

Emily Lucio

### Correspondence

#### Secretary

Hazel Thomas

### Treasurer

Juan Torres

### Financial

#### Secretary

Anthony Roberson

### Asst. Recording

#### Secretary

Bill Lewis

### Parliamentarian

Vacant

1. Call to Order 6:32 pm
2. Establish Quorum 5 board members present and more then 10 members. Moved and approved.
3. Approve Agenda . Motion to approve agenda Lucio. Second by Pagani. Approved unanimously.
4. Review of Minutes from the previous meeting. The Chairman indicated his preference to move more towards electronically presented documents. They were approved unanimously.
5. Officers' Reports:
  - a. Chair- Gordon-Andrew Fletcher. Sent out letter of support for voting machines in senior buildings. Discussed breakfast meeting with Councilmember McDuffie at Busboys and Poets on Sat. Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Next big item is the Democratic Convention. Looking for 80 member delegation. This requires a \$25.00 donation. Seniors will be covered by Ward 5 Dems. They want a diverse group. Working to collaborate and work with other residents, businesses and organizations to increase involvement.
  - b. 1st Vice Chair – Khadijah Williams. Report provided in abstentia. Discusses the Education Town Hall March 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. 2nd Vice Chair – Jatarious Frazier. Looking at doing a canvassing event. We need a core group of people to help with various events and activities. Looking for 10 dedicated people to help with canvassing.
  - d. Treasurer's Report – Juan Torres. Filed our Jan 31<sup>st</sup> report to the Office of Campaign Finance on February 21, 2020. There were no incoming donations this month. We spent \$466.00. Our current balance is \$7,967.10. There was a request to include the encumbrances in the budget report. The only committee that has been allotted addition money is the awards committee.
  - e. Correspondence Secretary Report – Hazel Thomas. No Report.
6. Committee Reports/Approval of Committee Budgets (10min)

- a. Voter Registration & Education Committee – Jennifer Blemur Looking to do voter registration at various local events.
  - b. Ways/Means & Fundraising Committee-Vacant No Report.
  - c. Communications Committee-Loren Coleman. No report.
  - d. Awards Committee – Adrian Jordan/Anthony Hood
  - e. Statehood Committee – Caroline Petti. February 11<sup>th</sup> in the House of Representatives, there was a Mark Up of Eleanor Homes Norton’s Statehood Bill. Vote was 21-16. Bill will go to the floor sometime before the summer. All indicators that it will pass. There was a Valentine thank you letter event.
  - f. Seniors Committee- Bob King/Hattie Pierce/Courtney Williams
  - g. Membership Committee-Ruth Pagani.
7. Old Business (15 min)
- a. Ward Five Committeewoman & Committeeman Special Election. We conducted an election for two vacant seats to Democratic State Committee for Ward 5 Committeeman and Committeewoman Harry Thomas J. and Bernita Carmichael. Moved to approve by acclamation. Both gave remarks.
  - b. Platform Committee for DC State Convention. Ruth discussed the survey which is currently in draft form and will be sent out to Ward 5 Democrats. Looking to get a high participation turn out rate.
  - c. Education Townhall. More discussion of the report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Introduced Ms. Davis from the Washington Teachers Union. Meeting with the Chancellor. Learning conditions effect teaching conditions. Special education is a large issue. There are many compliance issues that run the risk of takeover. Deadline of June 2020 to finish the contract negotiations. Teacher turnover is 25%. Nation rate is 16%. We replace 80% of the teacher workforce. There is an achievement gap. The academic opportunity gap has grown.
8. New Business (40 min.)
- a. 80 Member Delegation for DC State Convention. Looking to have 80 members as delegates to the DC State Convention from Ward 5 and also requesting 10% students age 16 to 21. Students volunteering can get volunteer hours.
  - b. Candidates Forum – May. Gordon suggested this as an idea to invite as many candidates as possible. There was a discussion of if we would limit it to just a Democrat forum or have a forum that includes independent candidates. But, we can only endorse a Democrat. Motion was made to have a Democratic Forum to allow us to endorse candidates. The motion was seconded. Approved unanimously. The committee will propose a budget for the event at the next meeting.
  - c. Ward Five Democrats April Happy Hour. Motion was made to have a happy hour in April. Second by Tim Thomas. Approved unanimously.

- d. Criminal Justice Committee Presentation by Emily Tatro. She shared a Power Point about with current data covering three main topics: D.C.'s Bifurcated System & Statehood, Access to Employment, Voting Rights
9. Announcements – (10 min.)
- a. Democratic Presidential Debate Watch Party – Tuesday Feb. 25, 2020 at 8pm at Busboys & Poets
  - b. DC Democratic Party General Body Meeting – Thursday March 5, 2020 at DNC Headquarters in SW
10. Adjournment at 8:34 pm