



Ward 5 Democrats

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Date: Monday November 25, 2019

Chair

Gordon-Andrew
Fletcher, Esq.

1st Vice Chair

Sydelle Moore

2nd Vice Chair

Jatarious Frazier

Recording Secretary

Emily Lucio

Correspondence Secretary

Hazel Thomas

Treasurer

Mike Talley

Financial Secretary

Anthony Roberson

Asst. Recording Secretary

Bill Lewis

Parliamentarian

Vacant

1. Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Approve Agenda

We have more than 10 members present and five officers. Called to order at 6:40 pm. Motioned to adopt agenda by Robert Brannum. Seconded Gwen Brown. Unanimously approved.

2. Minutes: Review minutes from October 2019 meeting.

Minutes were sent out via email for people to review. Motion to accept the minutes made by Robert Brannum and seconded by Emma.

3. Officers' Reports:

- a. Chair- Gordon-Andrew Fletcher Report was provided.
- b. 1st Vice Chair – Sydelle Moore Report was provided
- c. 2nd Vice Chair – Jatarious Frazier. Report was provided.
- d. Treasurer's Report – Michael Talley Report was provided
- e. Correspondence Secretary Report – Hazel Thomas No report.

4. Committee Reports/Approval of Committee Budgets

- a. First Vice Chair Committees
 - i. Voter Registration \$600.00
 - ii. Fundraising/Ways & Means \$500.00
 - iii. Seniors/Elders \$300.00
 - iv. Criminal Justice \$300.00

Moved by Robert Brannum and Seconded by Jatarious Frazier to accept with an addition of \$300.00 for the Ward 5 Dems Chair. Unanimously approved.

Awards Committee. Budget was already approved.

- b. Second Vice Chair Committees
 - i. Communications/Publicity Committee \$120.00
 - ii. Membership/Social Committee \$1500.00

Robert Brannum moved and seconded by Bradley Thomas that the budgets be approved. Unanimously approved.

Statehood Committee approved at last meeting.

No other committee reports presented.

5. New Business

- a. Voting Machines in the Senior Buildings of Ft. Lincoln (*Bob King*)
Chairman Fletcher discussed the need for voting machines at the seniors building. He also met with Councilmember McDuffie. He is in the process of drafting a letter in support of this. All senior buildings in Ft. Lincoln as a pilot project.
- b. Ward Five Committeeman Special Election (*Gordon Fletcher*)
Special election January. Looking for a new individual. It must be a male because we already have a female.
- c. Holiday Party at Busboys & Poets (Brookland) (*Jatarious Frazier*)
There will be an email coming out soon requesting volunteers. They need people to help decorate the day of. Many donations have come in. More donations are needed. All donations will be acknowledged. The donations will be used to help seniors attend. Chairman Fletcher is looking for entertainment ideas. There was a short discussion of some reasonably priced options. ActBlue is being used to raise funds for the event. Possibility of doing an open bar or a drink ticket for the first people that arrive. The executive committee is responsible to at least 2 tickets.
- d. Eyes On The Prize Excerpt – (*Landon Jones*)
Viewing of film and discussion of upcoming voter registration event on Sunday, December 8th.
- e. Guest Speaker – Ward Five State Board of Education Rep. – Zachary Parker.
Asked to focus on what are Ward 5 Democratic Issues. Education is a democratic issue. All of our Democratic elected officials are voting on education issues. Special education and student safety remain major priorities. Focus areas Ward 5 Education Survey, High School Tour, Education Trust and The Convening—first of it's kind assembling of black educators, parents and community members to strategize around policy and ways to amplify black residents' voice in DC's education landscape. Next event at College HS is on December 17. Also discussion on Birth to 3 for all act to provide schooling for kids. There is a push to fund early childhood education for all.

Announcements –

- DC Democratic Party 2020 Debate Watch Parties. We will be hosting 3rd. An opportunity to showcase what we do in a way that is revenue neutral.
- Dec 29th at Fun it up from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Woodridge Warriors. This event will be shared electronically.
- Councilmember McDuffie's office: Noted that if there are budget policy priority issues, please bring them to their attention. He held a Census event that was well attended. If there are opportunities for the Ward 5 Dems to support legislation, he will bring that to the meetings. Councilmembers holiday party is December 12th. Justin Roberts.

Adjournment at 8:15 pm