

## November 2020 General Body Meeting Minutes

### Present

- Chairman Fletcher
- First Vice-Chair Emily Lucio
- Second Vice-Chair Frazier
- Juan T
- John
- Bob King
- Anthony R
- Hazel Thomas
- Ruth
- Jennifer
- Sasha
- Caroline Petti
- Representative-elect Oye
- Senator Strauss
- Chairman Wilson

Quorum established 7:02pm

### Agenda modifications (per Chairman)

- Add on DCDSC under new business
- Moving membership report to front so Ruth can speak first
- Motion to adopt, moved to adopted, Ayes have it, approved changes

### Commending W5D's GOTV, Election work

- Bob special mention for his citywide efforts with Seniors
- Jatarious special mention for his election as President of Gertrude Stein Dems

### First Vice-Chair

- Uploading email addresses moving forward from Election Day drive

### Treasurer Report

- As of 11/22, current balance \$3,709.31
- Expenditures relating to web expenses, Create DC, Washington Trophy Center
- Next report submitted 12/10

### Corresponding Secretary

- Commending people for organizational work; shout out to Bob for his citywide efforts

### Chairman Wilson

- Shoutout to W5D leadership across the city; truly a team effort
- Helped Robert White cross the finish line

- Work not finished; focus on GA runoff, which determines control of the Senate (statehood!); most important thing is to donate to Warnock & Ossoff

#### Senator Strauss

- Received 250,000 votes, more than some sitting Senators!
- Reaching out to connections in GA
- Preparations for inauguration, won't forget Ward 5

#### Representative-elect Oye

- Ward 5 had the second highest voter-turnout in the city; engage moving forward

#### Membership Committee

- Coat drive this year will be smaller, less bags of coats (2-4)
- Launching an Amazon wish list for warm weather gear (another way to donate)
- Ruth is also planning on various ideas for a Zoom holiday party
  - Majority approved to move forward with this, with one abstention (Sasha)

#### Issues & Programs

- John working on logistics of a panel discussion event where the impact of the national and local elections are unpacked (majority female, African-American City Council, what are the ramifications of this)
- Details are still TBD, but thinking of early January as a preliminary date
  - Hazel suggesting former Mayor Sharon Pratt as a panelist
  - Ruth: Should have a Latin-x voice on the panel
  - Motion to adopt taken up by Bob, seconded by Emily
  - Motion to proceed approved, with 4 abstentions (Ruth, Sasha, Jennifer, and Jeannette). Abstentions relating to desire for a diverse panel, need to see finalized list

#### Ways/Means & Fundraising

- Sasha working with several fundraising ideas for 2021 and beyond
  - Start an annual silent auction
  - Golf tournament
  - Establishing an e-commerce space on the website
  - Creating a pledge campaign
  - Bake sale, partnering with other Ward organizations

#### Statehood

- Caroline stressing that the GA runoff determines control of the Senate, which could turn into statehood realized if Dems take control
- Run-off scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Seniors

- Chairman Fletcher presented Bob King with an award on behalf of the Ward 5 Democrats to commend all of his efforts in working with BOE to ensure Seniors across the city were able to vote safely and securely

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm