

Ward 5 Democrats General Body Meeting September 28th, 2020

- Quorum established at 7:05pm
 - Members present:
 - Chairman Fletcher
 - First Vice-Chair Emily Lucio
 - Second Vice-Chair Frazier
 - John Lucio
 - Anthony Roberson
 - Bob King
 - Ruth Pagani
 - Jennifer Blemur
- Chairman's Report
 - Focus on Strategic Goals ahead of November, mainly electing Biden/Harris and Democrats down the ticket
 - Also focus on Organizational Structure
- First Vice-Chair's Report
 - Currently there are 4 committee vacancies; if anyone is interested in filling these contact First Vice-Chair Emily Lucio
 - Solid strategic planning since July retreat; still working with mission, vision, and values moving forward
 - Timeline for strengthening Ward 5 constituent groups (young families, working people, seniors)
- Second Vice-Chair's Report
 - Supporting Robert White a priority in the last leg of election
 - Phone bank training on October 6th
- As of 9/30, the Calendar of Events is now posted in the Events folder in Google Drive
 - Extremely active October approaching
- Treasurer's Report

- Account balance \$3737.73 as of 9/25
- Hazel Thomas will be taking on correspondence with the Executive Committee
- Voter Registration Event led by Jennifer on 9/26
 - Around 20 people registered to vote
- Fundraising Report
 - Outreach to Ward 5 local business to build upon our reputation
 - John Lucio working with Mark Jones
- Communications Committee Report
 - Running with an endorsed slate of candidates to educate Ward 5 voters and our constituents
 - Streamlining newsletter and overall outreach, has been improved by Loren's efforts
 - Flyers for Independent Candidate's Forum should be distributed by Oct 1st, also budgeting ads
 - Working with outreach team regarding budgeting ads; further information will be in Oct Newsletter
- Councilmember McDuffie joined the meeting
 - Provided words of encouragement and support
 - Important to register voters, electing Democrats across the board, building partnerships
- Awards Banquet led by Adrian Jordan; more information on this after the Election
- Statehood Committee Report
 - June House Vote on HR 51
 - Language in platform for DC Statehood
 - Transition issues, postcards for outreach
- Senior Committee Report
 - Coat Drive taking place again; early November; more info to come from Ruth

- Jeannette Mobly undertaking GOTV efforts across the country; especially in NC
- Bob King's efforts to work with DCBOE to ensure Seniors in Public Housing can vote safely
- Bob and others will be going to senior homes Oct 21st;
- Motorcade will be taking place end of Oct led by Bob, Harry Thomas Jr, and Emily; June motorcade was a great success
- John Lucio reporting Meet and Greet with Robert White was a great success
 - Almost 30 participants on a Saturday morning
 - More information soon to come regarding the Independent Candidate's Forum on Oct 8th
- Sam Walden from Councilmember White's campaign thanked us for our efforts supporting the campaign
- First-Vice Chair Emily Lucio discussed the mission, vision, and values statements which have been developed since the July retreat
- Malik Williams with the Biden campaign discussed ongoing virtual campaign efforts leading up to Nov 3rd.
- Councilmember Bonds joined the meeting
 - Provided words of support
- Adjourned at 9:03pm

Next General Body Meeting will be held October 26th