



Women's Workshop
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

NDCC General Meeting Minutes

7 June 2018

I. Call to Order

The meeting was preceded by a Voter Action Network/Votebuilder Training on behalf of Sen. Elizabeth Warren

- A. Chair Shawn Fitzgibbons called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., at the Women's Workshop.
Attendance: **39**.
- B. Executive Committee Attendance: **20**. Shawn Fitzgibbons, Sharon Stout, Amy Sangiolo, David Albright, Allan Cole, Audrey Cooper, Ruth Dain, Robert Fitzpatrick, Sue Fliegel, Carol Fulton, Paul Glickman, Dmitriy Gridnev, Larissa Hordynsky, Martina Jackson, Barbara John, Ken Krems, Jason Paul, Holly Ryan, Caroline Schwarzwaldner, Frank Wolpe
- C. Member Attendance: **12**. Mark Alpert, Nick Carter, Adam Chaikof, Myrna Cohen, Robert Cohen, City Councilor Vicki Danberg, Rebecca Kanter, Emily McMains, Herb Robinson, Rachel Rosenbaum, Don Ross, Ruhina Tahir
- D. Guests: **7**. Marilyn Pettito Devaney (Governor's Council); Liz Foley (daughter of DA Marian Ryan); Amanda Stefancyk Oberlines (Org. of Nurse Leaders); Diane O'Toole (American Nurses Ass'n - MA); Donna Patalano (candidate for Middlesex DA); Tina Poindexter (DSC, Watertown); Chris Slammer (DSC, Framingham).

II. Minutes of the March 1, 2018 NDCC General Meeting

Motion: Frank Wolpe moved, Carol Fulton seconded the motion, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 general meeting as distributed. Motion passed, no votes against, no abstentions.

III. Reports of Officers and Ward and Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee (Sue Fliegel)

- 1. Revenues in May totaled \$620.00; expenses \$1104.37, for a net of -494.37. \$720.00 was spent on the State Committee meeting.
- 2. The balance is \$16,554.00 as of May 31.
- 3. Ward committees are encouraged to submit annual dues when they can.

B. State Committee Update (Sharon Stout)

- 1. The state Democratic convention was this past weekend. Balloting was held up a bit because one state senate district, out of 40, did not use the electronic balloting system.
- 2. Sharon nominated Treasurer Deb Goldberg, unopposed at the convention, for renomination on Friday night. Shawn Fitzgibbons said that Sen. Elizabeth Warren's name was put up for nomination by the youngest and oldest delegates, the oldest being Newton's Ruth Shapiro (99 ½).
- 3. Robert Fitzpatrick noted that delegates were seated all over the section, which made roll call much more difficult. He suggested seating people in rows by ward (alpha for Brookline/Wellesley) at the next nominating convention.
- 4. Larissa Hordynsky noted that many Newton delegates were pledged to Setti Warren for governor. When he left the race they simply didn't show. In the future we must remind delegates of their responsibility to attend.

5. Chris Slammer said that people with wheelchairs were blocked by all the people congregating in the aisles, including to cast their votes.
6. Dmitriy Gridnev said a lot of people missed Holly Ryan's speech for Question 3. Sharon said the speech was widely distributed online.

C. Ward Committee Updates

- Ward 5: Met in May. Councilor Andrea Downs presented and Emily Prenner was elected Vice Chair.
- Ward 6: Is sponsoring an event at the Women's Workshop on July 17 featuring the Democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State.
- Ward 7: Met in late May. Members filled out 150 postcards for same day registration of voters.

IV. Announcements

1. The NDCC needs graphic design help.
2. Amy Sangiolo has agreed to coordinate our internship program and has applications available.
3. Ruth Dain: Rep. Joe Kennedy is seeking marchers for the Pride Parade, this Saturday, June 9. Meet at Lir (903 Boylston Street, Boston) for breakfast at 10:30 a.m.
4. Martina Jackson: Sen. Ed Markey is hosting a climate forum featuring former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

V. New Business

A. Presentation: "No" on Question 1 (Nurse Staffing Levels)

1. At the March general meeting the Mass. Nurses Association presented in support of a "yes" vote on Ballot Question 1, which would require a certain level of nurse staffing.
2. Amanda Stefancyk Oberlies of the Organization of Nurse Leaders presented in support of "no."
3. She said that the ballot question could put hospitals out of business in rural areas.
4. Rep. Kay Khan is opposed to Question 1.
5. David Albright and Bill Humphrey said the "no" campaign is funded by the hospital industry.

B. Presentations by Democratic Candidates for Governor's Council

1. The Democratic candidates for Governor's Council in District 3, incumbent Marilyn Pettito Devaney of Watertown and Nick Carter of Newton, each presented for 10 minutes.

C. Presentations by Democratic Candidates for Middlesex District Attorney

1. Donna Patalano of Winchester, Democratic candidate for Middlesex District Attorney, presented for 10 minutes.
2. Incumbent DA Marian Ryan, seeking reelection, was unable to attend but will present at a future meeting. Her daughter, Elizabeth Foley, said a few words on her behalf.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: Frank Wolpe moved to adjourn, Allan Cole seconded the motion. Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert K. Fitzpatrick
Secretary, NDCC