

# Watertown Democratic Town Committee Meeting

Date: April 29, 2010

Place: Lower Hearing Room, Watertown Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Steve Owens, Dot Bowler, Ashley Levine-Bogasian, Sarah Emond, David Cotton, Sengil Inbiala, Jordan Bazinsky, Ceelia Lenk, Mary McCarthy, Melvin Poindexter, Tina Poindexter, David Downes, Valerie Vigoda, Marian Ferro, Kate Bazinsky, Raya Stern, Gracemarie LeBlanc, Jim Scafidi, Pam Schofield, Grace Ross, Maria Saiz, Laura Appleton

Treasurer's Report: The previous balance was \$658.44. Income was \$15.00 and the new balance was \$673.44. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the March 25, 2010 meeting were accepted as read.

Young Democrats: Ashley Levine-Bogasian, a 5 year member of Young Democrats of MA (democrats under the age of 36) reported on the youth convention and spoke about how to attract new young democrats. She suggested letters to the editor and visits to schools and churches to educate and inform young people. She also suggested that we hold meetings at more social locations.

Grace Ross, candidate for governor was our speaker for the evening. She talked about her ideas for improving state government and answered questions.

Diversity Update: Melvin Poindexter reported on the Caucus of Minority Democrats which was held in Worcester on April 12. He noted that Watertown needs extra outreach because of its large immigrant and non-English speaking population.

- Governor's forum at Perkins School: Melvin also announced plans for a forum for candidates for governor to be held at Perkins School on May 18, 2010 from 12:30-3:30.
- Coordinating with Belmont: There was a discussion on plans to coordinate some future activities with the Belmont Democratic Committee. Jim Scafidi and Maria Saiz agreed to help with this.
- New Member: Ashley Levine-Bogasian was elected as a new associate member.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dorothy Bawler