

Wilton Democratic Town Committee
December 6, 2005
Town Hall Meeting Room B

Call to order: 7:34, Sharon Grace conducting

Present:

Sharon Grace, Toni Lee, Richard Creeth, Scott Kimmich, Ted Hoffstatter, Dave Borglum, Fred Herot, Charlie Lewis, Ernie Ricco, Deborah McFadden, Neheet Trivedi—4th Congressional District Coordinator for Dan Malloy

Guest Speaker: Neheet Trivedi, Dan Malloy's fulltime coordinator in the 4th Congressional District

www.DanMalloy.com is the Website. So far Malloy has raised about 20% more than DeStefano. Why Dan? Trivedi felt he would be a more effective Governor because Stamford has almost as many R's as D's and he has built a foundation. Under his leadership there are 4000 new jobs and he has increased educational funding. As Governor he wants to increase transportation spending and money for education – he feels both would be healthy for businesses and residents. Trevedi would look into his position on Super 7. He feels Rell hasn't done anything and has no vision.

Treasurer's Report: With the treasurer absent Sharon reported we have about \$1000 in the bank.

November Minutes: The November 1, 2005 minutes were approved.

Report on the Nov. 30th Swearing In Ceremony: It was fun, well attended. The WDTC supplied the food. Marilyn Gould and Carol Russell both thanked the Dems for the great food.

Speak up Wilton: will tentatively be Jan 21st and is usually held at Cider Mill.

WDTC Christmas Party: will be a Pizza Party at Fat Cat Pizza in Norwalk on Dec 12th.

Committee Reports:

Campaign: There was a lesson's learned post campaign meeting held. The gist of what was learned is:

We need more organizers and a better plan.

We need to use email more and better which a new membership chair could do

The candidate at the top of the ticket lacked experience

Before next campaign there may be a Charter Revision which could look at anything such as term limits or staggered terms.

We need more letters to the editor.

Nominating: The nominating committee is working on guidelines of how to interview and what to look for in a candidate.

There was a discussion of Ernie Ricco's nomination for Parks and Rec. The RTC nominated Kevin O'Brien after Ernie was nominated in early November. The RTC has made an issue of Ernie's nomination but the Board of Selectman will make the choice. The need to lobby for our candidate was discussed. Richard Creeth said he would interview Kevin. He also requested a document comparing the qualifications of the two candidates. Sharon will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was passed to develop a letter committee to further the nomination of Ernie Ricco to the Parks and Rec. Committee.

Finance Committee:

It was decided to send personalized thank you notes to those contributing. Those who agreed to help are: Charlie L, Ted H, Fred H, Richard C, Scott K, Sharon G.

Platform Committee: "Is thinking"

Membership Committee:

Democratic Caucus will be Jan 10th at 7 pm with the WDTC meeting at 7:30, Diane Farrell is invited may change venue so more could attend.

21 Democrats have been put forth for the new WDTC but 25 slots are available. The Bylaws state there is one slot per every 100 registered democrats in the last congressional race.

A motion was passed to put forward the following names to serve on the next WDTC to begin April 2006.

Alice Ayers	Richard Creeth	Brian Lilly *
Deb McFadden	Hallie Wofsy	Scott Kimmich
Art Shulman*	Ernie Ricco	Barbara Massy Bear
Lois Alcosser	Ted Hoffstatter	Jon Tan
Toni Lee	Sharon Grace	Charlie Lewis
David Borglum	John Gardiner	Eric Fanwick
Margaret DeRose	Troy Ellen Dixon	Ernie Loser

* denotes new members

There was some discussion of the **Jan 10th caucus** to recognize those stepping down after serving on various boards and committees and acknowledge their service.

A motion was passed to spend up about \$90.00 to purchase books and certificates for democrats ending service on town boards, committees or commissions.

If Sharon is unable to find certificates Deb McFadden volunteered to make them.

Scott Kimmich wanted to discuss and motion to **withdraw from Iraq** and he was asked to email the members more info with a **proposed draft** to consider.

New Business: Bill Brennan would like to speak to the DTC on the State of the Town. Everyone thought it was a great idea.

The discussion of **plans for 2006 was tabled.**

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah McFadden, Acting Secretary