

WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
March 6, 2006 Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Sharon Grace, Deborah McFadden, Charlie Lewis, Scott Kimmich, Kathleen Warner, Eric Fanwick, John Kalamarides, Fred Herot, Ernie Loser, Ted Hofstatter, Jon Tan

GUESTS: Kate Tepper, Tom Burgess

Absent and Excused: Toni Lee, Ernie Ricco, Brian Lilly, John Gardiner, Hallie Wofsy, Art Shulman, Alice Ayers, Barbara Massy Bear, Margaret Reeves, Richard Creeth, Troy Ellen Dixon, David Borglum, Lois Alcosser, Margaret Derose

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Wilton DTC account is \$ 1,329.19. There is \$800 coming due in payables for insurance.

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the Feb 6, 2006 DTC meeting is unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DTC Breakfast Fundraiser w/Ned Lamont and Jim Shapiro, Sat. May 19th.
The keynote speaker will be Ned Lamont. Jim Shapiro will be in attendance and Susan Bysiewicz will be invited. We will also invite the Congressional candidate to come if we know who it is.
2. Ex-Rangers' goalie Mike Richter may run against Shays in '08
3. Kennedy/Lamont Conference Call on States' War Resolutions
It is important to have state legislatures pass resolutions against the war, as the war is affecting state National Guard and federal funding for the states.
4. Connecticut Opposes the War (COW) Rally in Hartford—March 17
5. St. Patty's Day Party with Dan Malloy in Norwalk—March 11th
Please see the Norwalk Democratic website for details.
6. Fat Cat Event: Tony and Suzanne thanked us for the card and enjoyed the event.
7. Bill Brennan will visit and speak to the DTC in April
Pls email to Ted questions for Bill Brennan.
8. The JJB is on April 20 with Nancy Pelosi as the Keynote Speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

No update

Nominating

Scott Kimmich is suggested as Campaign Chair but he is moving to Norwalk in June. Kate Tepper suggests coming together with Norwalk for campaign events.

Another idea is Tom Burgess as Campaign Chair.

Platform

The next Platform meeting will be on March 31, 2007.

Please email suggested platform issues to: riccoent@aol.com

Finance

There will be 3 fund raising events this year:

1. There will be the Breakfast fundraiser on May 19 at 9:30 am at Trackside. Ned Lamont will be the keynote speaker. Jim Shapiro will be present and Susan Bysiewicz will be invited.

It is unanimously agreed to spend \$ 200 for Trackside plus approximately \$12-15/ person for catering.

It is unanimously agreed that tickets (to be sold) will be \$30 per person.

It is unanimously agreed to print tickets and to distribute these to the DTC attendees at the April meeting.

2. There will be a Collaborative Fundraiser among all of the 4th CD DTC's. A date will be picked and it will likely be a Blue Fins baseball game.
3. There will be a barbecue and chili cook-off.

Campaign

The DTC is looking for a new Campaign Chair. Another idea is Kathleen Warner.

By-Laws

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Adopt 100 Dems Plan Update

Jon Tan, Program Chair, gives an update. Jon Tan will send an email to all DTC members in 2 weeks (by March 20). All will email back to Jon the 100 chosen Democrats for each before the April DTC meeting.

2. Resolution on Iraq Anti-Escalation

There are 2 resolution proposals that are discussed. The DTC unanimously agrees on a hybrid proposal (attachment).

This will be sent to the local papers, to our representatives at the CT State House, Senate and to our representatives in the Federal House and Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

END OF MINUTES

ATTACHMENT

Anti-Iraq War Resolution

WHEREAS: a year ago the Wilton Democratic Town Committee (DTC) unanimously passed a resolution that went unheeded asking our government to withdraw American troops from Iraq by the end of 2006;

WHEREAS: the Wilton DTC supports the armed forces in their fundamental right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while fully recognizing that they are obligated to risk their lives when our national defense is threatened;

WHEREAS: the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to decide on the funding of all military expenditures.

RESOLVED: that the Wilton DTC urges the state and national Democratic leadership and our Congressional representative and Senators to stop the funding of the war in Iraq, and to establish a timetable by which all American troops are out of Iraq by the end of the year.

RESOLVED: that the DTC opposes President Bush's proposal for an escalation of the war in Iraq.

RESOLVED: that the Wilton DTC encourages our national leadership to engage Iraq's neighbors in diplomacy to halt the violence in Iraq and help bring about peace and stability in the region.

AND RESOLVED: that military deployment should be refocused on the War in Afghanistan.