

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2004

The meeting was convened at 7:15 pm in the Unitarian Church by Chairperson Beverly Guild. Only 19 persons were in attendance, as documented by the attached attendance record, of which 15 were SDTC members.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 19 May, that had been vetted by email and also available in printed form at the meeting, were approved without change.

Helga Andrews, Treasurer, reported through Guild that assets of \$425 remain in the SDTC account.

Three persons, Teddi Marin (tumarin@aol.com), Ilana Kessler (irk@georgetown.edu), and Val Aguirre (queenpacarone@tamu.edu), represented the election campaign of Mass. Senator Susan Fargo and reported on the campaign. One of the immediate needs is a store-front office in Waltham, a city of critical importance in the election. In addition, volunteers and donations are needed. There was some concern among those in attendance over the seeming lack of visibility of Fargo's campaign and those details of her platform and political record that will make her an outstanding and uniquely attractive candidate.

Claire Schlosser delivered a further summary of efforts of the Fundraising and Election/Political subcommittees to organize a fund raising party later this summer. A building is needed that can hold 100-300 people, perhaps the former Cheswick theater. The possibility of rain makes an out-of-doors site undesirable.

John Thomas, who is running in the primary election in the hope of opposing Mass. Representative Susan Pope, and Maxine Yarbrough reminded the meeting of the fund raising reception that Maxine is hosting for candidate Thomas at her home on Sunday 27 June from 3-5 pm, 468 Concord Road (978-443-6568) -- parking in the Nixon School lot.

Elizabeth and Eric Shienbrood reported that their fund raising party for Presidential candidate John Kerry is on schedule for Saturday 26 June from 4:30 pm at their residence at 179 Marlboro Road. A speaker is expected from the Kerry campaign, but who it will be is at the moment uncertain. For evolving details, contact eshienbrood@comcast.net.

Henry Noer reported on efforts to pass a state resolution opposing aspects of the USA-Patriot Act. A major block is Mr. Finneran's refusal to clear the matter for discussion and vote in the House. Noer also distributed a letter from Michael Sullivan, U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts, to the Board of Selectmen of Hudson, dated 28 May 2004, in which Mr. Sullivan supports the need for the Act, including some of its most objectionable provisions, and falsely attributes a variety of domestic and foreign convictions, deportations, freezing of assets, and disruption of terrorist cells and operations to the enforcement of the Act. The letter is entered as part of the permanent record. Noer reported that the Board of Selectmen have indeed mailed letters to the relevant local, state and federal offices regarding Sudbury's passage of a Resolution opposing provisions of the Act at Town Meeting in April.

Noer also discussed our involvement in the 4th of July parade and activities. We ought to try to march with Rep. Martin Meehan. John Thomas also intends to march. One idea was a banner supporting the Geneva Conventions (of 1949 and subsequent Protocols of 1977). After the march, parties will be held at the residents of Judy Deutsch in Sudbury and John Thomas in Wayland (johnthomas@johnthomas.org). As many members of the SDTC as possible ought to march. A good show is important.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize Nick Palermo to represent our view that U.S. Representative Steven Lynch ought to seek to fill an opening on the Science Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

After setting **the next meeting for 7:15 pm on Wednesday 21 July**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Announcements

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2004 dues of \$25 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Helga Andrews, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury. Dues were expected on or about 1 January 2004.

Please remember to submit to the Secretary a copy of text or outline of verbal reports made at meetings, particularly if the report is long or complex. This is the only way to assure that an accurate summary is entered into the minutes.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 22 June 2004.