

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2012

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the Sudbury Grange Hall. Eighteen members were in attendance. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 10, 2012 and the November 20, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Moeller provided the Treasurer's report indicating that the bank account of the committee currently held \$906.77, which consisted of \$291.35 of general, unobligated funds and \$615.42 which represented monies from the committee's Fall 2012 fundraising activities. Ms. Moeller reminded the members that 2013 membership fees were now due. And the fee is still \$35.00 per member. This is a major source of our operating funds.

2013 Caucus: Ms. Guild opened the discussion of the 2013 caucus. After discussion it was voted that the caucus should be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Guild will check with the Senior Center to determine whether that venue is available. Sudbury is entitled to 11 delegates (the Chair, 5 male delegates, 5 female delegates and 2 alternates male and female). It was noted that the State Party Committee meeting on January 31 may result in the moving of the State Party Convention now scheduled for June 4, 2013 due to the special U.S. Senate election

Platform: After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Offner and seconded by Ms. Hollocher that the February meeting be largely devoted to consideration of issues for the existing State Party platform, on the kinds of amendments we would like to see voted on at the convention, how the platform might be strengthened and that this platform issues discussion be publicized. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Gun Control: Mr. Moeller led a discussion centered around his excellent paper on gun control that he distributed by e-mail to the members. He was encouraged to edit it and use it as an opinion piece for the local media. Attention was also drawn to the Gun Control forum that was being held at LS High School on January 16, moderated by Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian.

Membership: Mr. Offner nominated for membership in the Committee of Mr. Peter Nesky, who it was determined was an outstanding candidate who met the criteria for membership. Mr. Nesky played an important role in the Sudbury campaign for Senator Elizabeth Warren. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Fridman and approved unanimously. Mr. Nesky was heartily welcomed.

Third MAD Report: Mr. Riordan gave a brief report on the 3rd MAD meeting held in Sudbury on January 12. Our new State Senator Mike Barrett attended and spoke to the group. Ms Guild noted that we should nominate an "inspirational" Democrat for an award at the upcoming 3rd MAD annual breakfast. Ms. Guild nominated Carl Offner for his hard work for Senator Warren's campaign. Ms. Yarbrough seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: Mr. Noer raised the issue of the proper reporting of fundraising receipts from the Fall 2012 event, and particularly the sharing of the list of donors for that event prior to the due course publication of reportable donors by the OCPF. The general feeling of the committee was that the existing practice of the committee in this latter regard was appropriate.

New Business: None. The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the Sudbury Senior Center.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Riordan, Secretary, Feb. 12, 2013