## Waltham Democratic City Committee Meeting minutes 05/18/23 6:30-7:45

In attendance: S. Kramer, S. Fatale, D. Herman, A. Fintzel, S. O'Neil, C. Salamanis, C. Gill, C. Koutoujian, S. Goodwin, S. Durkee, C. Richardson, N. Pratt, S. Winkler, N. Stein, C. Bradley-McArthur, S. Burstein, A. Scales, M. Pettito-Devaney, K. Edwards, guest-Chris Slammer

The April minutes were approved.

A committee was formed for the Meet Your Local Dems event scheduled for Saturday, July 22. This will be a platform for Democrats to interact with candidates for Waltham mayor and city councilors.

Clarence will set up a Democratic regional network. He's reaching out to the Democratic Committee chairs in Belmont, Lexington, Lincoln, Newton and Watertown to form a neighboring towns partnership.

June 3 is the Waltham Democratic caucus. Robert Logan and Clarence will coordinate. The caucus will send Dems to the MA Democratic Convention September 23 at Tsongas Arena.

Clarence is asking for people to table at Waltham Pride Day on June 3.

Andrew presented a petition to maintain elementary class sizes in Waltham. There's a concern that with a budget shortfall class sizes may expand.

Clarence went over the most recent list of candidates for mayor and city councilors. He introduced two current councilors who updated us on current issues. Sean said there will be finance budget meetings in early June. Colleen was concerned for the future of the dual language school, in terms of budget and proposals to move the school.

Marilyn read the Governor's Council proclamation of the Heroes Award to Andrew and Steve.

The next WDCC meeting will be a zoom meeting on June 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Submitted by Debra Herman