

**NEW HAVEN DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2009
5:00 PM
Mayor's Conference Room #2
City Hall, 2nd Floor
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510**

Present: Board Members: G. Davis, C. Kleppner, D. Curtis, M. Lamberto, S. Kovel. Administrator Rob Wechsler. Public: Keya Jayaram (DeStefano Campaign)

1. Call to Order: 5:09 PM
2. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2009 meeting. Approved 5-0-0
3. Public Comments: (None)
4. Status report on mayoral election and debate:

Board Administrator R. Wechsler reported on the mayoral debate.

- DeStefano campaign says they will pay for taxis for voters to get to the polls on Election Day.
- All the candidates are still in. No other request for matching funds.

Discussion about getting other candidates to participate in Democracy Fund.

- S. Kovel mentions disappointment that more candidates haven't asked for funds.

5. Approval of Democracy Fund Regulations (discussion and vote):

M. Lamberto questions if the regulations could be applied to this election (2009). K. Kleppner explains, and reference Agenda item #6...

Regulations approved 5-0-0

6. Discussion on Contribution and Expenditure Reports:

Keya Jayaram tells board she sent expenditure report to Administrator R. Wechsler on 10/19.

R. Wechsler raises the issue that there were few filings in 2007 campaign. Reports have been filed in 2009 campaign yet, but might become an issue later on.

- C. Kleppner suggests that we increase the incentive to have the campaigns to report.
- M. Lamberto suggests that we go into the city clerk's office and find reports, then make the candidates send us the reports in the future.
- K. Jayaram asks if the board has contacted the other candidates about the reports.
- R. Wechsler will investigate further with city clerk's office.
- S. Kovel notes that we don't want to make running for office more difficult... C. Kleppner notes that it is part of the program and is written.
- R. Wechsler comments that the Watley campaign has not sent in new report.
- D. Curtis proposes the board sends a letter/email to the campaigns that they are or are not in compliance with Ordinance ... and that we need the reports in spreadsheet formats, as well as the dates the reports are due to the Board.

Concept (a consensus of the board as a whole) that R. Wechsler will send a notice to the campaigns regarding expenditure reports. Also, Rob will go to the city clerk's office to look at and, where necessary, copy 2007-2008 reports.

7. New Business:

K. Jayaram asks question about matching funds of under \$3,000.00 to board.

- C. Kleppner advises Jayaram to file for funds.

M. Lamberto asks if board administrator R. Wechsler has gotten paid as of 10/19/09.

- S. Kovel (board Treasurer) comments that payment from city is late.

8. Adjourned: 6:15 PM

Next Meeting: November 16th, 2009 at 5 PM