

## **Minutes of the Ward Three Democratic Committee, June 14, 2011**

**The June 14, 2011 meeting of the Ward Three Democratic Committee was convened at St. Columba's Church in the District of Columbia. The Chair, Shelley Tomkin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. After the approval of the minutes of the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting and a treasurer's report, the Chair announced the creation of a Government Ethics Reform Task Force as an ad hoc sub-committee of the Ward Three Democratic Committee designed to conduct research to produce a resolution for the Committee's consideration on government ethics reform at the Committee's September meeting. The Chair also announced that the Committee would hold a series of pot luck dinners for new delegates to the Committee to be held in the coming months.**

**These remarks were followed by various announcements from delegates. Senator Michael D. Brown (Precinct 31 Delegate) announced a White house Rally for DC Democracy to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Mike Gold (Precinct 10) Delegate updated the group on our D.C. Voting Rights legal project. Finally Ann Loikow (Precinct 27) Delegate invited delegates to March for D.C. Statehood at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Palisade July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.**

**The Chair then welcomed Dr. Alice Rivlin the keynote speaker for the evening. Dr. Rivlin's presentation contributed important insights and information on the financial implications of D.C. budget autonomy and statehood. The next speakers, Elissa Silverman and Ed Cowan shared their different perspectives on the 2012 D.C. budget. Finally, at-large Council member Phil Mendelson ended the evening with a report on the final vote that had just been taken on the 2012 budget.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**