

Other Campaign Questions Raised

1. Were gift cards or other compensation paid to folks as a quid pro quo for putting up yard signs?

No gift cards or compensation of any type was ever given as a quid pro quo for citizens putting up yard signs. There was one instance where days AFTER a large yard sign was put up, we felt it inconvenienced the homeowner for blocking her view and offered to give her a gift card to her favorite restaurant for inconveniencing her. This was days after the sign was up and in no way a quid pro quo for her putting up the sign in the first place. The amount for this gift card was reported as a field expense under reimbursement to Dennis Conti.

2. What about the ad for Aleph Bet Jewish Day School?

On April 29, we were asked by Steve Lebowitz of Aleph Bet if we wanted to buy an ad in the program booklet they were putting together for their 20th annual dinner/auction, which we agreed to do. I presume he also asked the other candidates.

3. What about the \$60 to the West Annapolis Civic Association?

This was for an ad in their newsletter.

4. What about the so-called “outside developers” who contributed to Trudy’s campaign?

They are long-time associates she has known through her life-long affordable housing career. They support her candidacy because they know her as long-time friends and colleagues and not for any other interests.

5. What about “donations to local charities?”

The following donations were made for the purposes stated:

Raynaldo Brown (\$100) – for his back to school program for kids
Boys and Girls Club (\$94) – fee for use of their Bates community room for a campaign event
Larry Griffin (\$600) – for catering services for a campaign event
Annapolis Rotary Club (\$300) – for tickets to their annual crab feast
Friends of John Smith (\$100) – donation to a fundraiser for a firefighter who had cancer.