



Village Independent Democrats
26 Perry Street
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Minutes, General Membership Meeting, May 12, 2016

President Nadine Hoffmann opened her report by noting how nicely the VID Gala was written up in The Villager by Lincoln Anderson. There were also some nice pics from this event. The March for a Clean Energy Revolution, which we endorsed, will take place on July 24 before the Democratic Convention, and we should spread the word regarding this event.

The Judicial Candidates will be present at this membership meeting, with voting to be held on May 23.

Renovations to the clubhouse are mostly done, with a cost of \$350 for the painting and another \$500 for the framing and rehangng of the club's poster collection. Deborah Glick's campaign will rent the clubhouse from May to September at a cost of up to \$800 a month.

We donated \$100 to Judson Church for the Judicial Candidate's Forum, to be reimbursed by the DID and VRDC. Irene Kaufman will be holding a fundraiser for Glick on May 14 at her home.

There is a new show on Broadway called "Turn Me Loose", based on the life of Dick Gregory. Our members will receive a special ticket price of \$49 for this event.

At the last Executive Committee a DID resolution protesting the conversion of a former nursing home at 45 Rivington Street to condos while under the auspices of the city was introduced. To support this and call for the city to institute a publicly available online database of properties with deed restrictions similar to those at 45 Rivington, Nadine wrote a letter to the Mayor and read it to the membership; it passed unanimously and will be mailed to the Mayor quickly.

District Leader Keen Berger said she had two good things to report. Several CB2 members held a well-attended meeting with Jerrold Nadler regarding the dedication of Christopher Street Park to LGBT rights. The second item was about some "carve out" blocks on 12 Street North-- residents of these blocks were unhappy about being zoned out of PS 41. The DOE said students from these "carve out blocks" should not go to 75 Morton, but CB2 kept pushing for it. There was a strong move to keep 75 Morton socially and economically integrated, and a discussion ensued about how to achieve these goals. She also mentioned the upcoming Hillary-Trump election, and how scary this was.



Nadine now went to the election of the judicial delegates. VID, DID and VRDC were each to contribute two delegates and two alternates. This passed overwhelmingly, with one nay vote. The VID nominees were Nadine Hoffmann, Jen Hoppe, Cormac Flynn, Zella Jones, Erik Coler, and David Saperstein.

Tony Hoffmann now mentioned that Nadler's campaign was in full swing and we would coordinate with them regarding the writing of "Dear Neighbor" letters to be distributed before the June 28 Primary. We will be kept informed. Secondly, petitioning will begin for Glick on June 7. There will be a kickoff party at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 11, with Deborah providing food. He reminded us of the Glick fundraiser on May 14.

There will be a special Executive Committee Meeting on May 23 at 6:30 at Greenwich House, fourth floor, followed by a general membership meeting at 8pm in the same location. This meeting will address the endorsement of Judicial Candidates. Tony also spoke of a controversy with the Board of Elections over whether a political club is a PAC. This will affect all clubs and involve much more paperwork and complicated expenditure reports. He said VID will set up a separate VID PAC expenditure report and see if this is acceptable with the Enforcement Division of the BOE.

Lastly, Tony requested volunteers to meet at the clubhouse on evenings. Deborah will use mainly our petitions and we will help each other get signatures.

Jen Hoppe reported on the Gala, saying we raised about \$20,000. The silent auction raised around \$800, but one item was late--two tickets to the Jewish Peoples Philharmonic Chorus on June 6 are open for bids. The Honorees were very happy.

The election results for the Judicial Delegates came in:

Jen 18

Cormac 15

Zella 14

Nadine and Erik tied at 13

David 10

Another ballot was held to break the tie, with Nadine winning 11 to 9. So the delegates are Jen and Cormac, with Zella and Nadine as alternates.



Tony now opened the Special Candidates Forum for Civil Court, co-sponsored by VRDC, DID, and the Jim Owles Club.

The Civil Court Candidates were:

Margaret Chan

Shahabuddeen Ally

Josh Hanshaft

Emily Morales Minerva

Nicholas Moyne

Phaedra Perry

Robert Rosenthal

Each candidate gave a four minute presentation followed by up to six minutes of questions from the audience. All the candidates were impressive and the discussion was spirited.

The meeting was adjourned, with the reminder that the endorsement meeting will take place on May 23 at 8pm at Greenwich house.