



Village Independent Democrats  
26 Perry Street  
New York, New York 10014

### **Minutes for the April 14, 2016 Membership Meeting**

President Nadine Hoffmann opened the meeting by reminding everyone about the Hillary fundraiser on May 12 cosponsored by Renee Feinberg at 303 Mercer. We also voted to support the Washington Square Park Music Festival fundraiser on May 8 at the Greenwich Village Music School. Former member and supporter Marilyn Appelson remembered VID in her will and the club received a \$9,300 check from her estate.

District Leader Keen Berger started her report by saying she was happy the club endorsed Hillary for President, but she went to the Bernie rally and found it exciting that more people were being drawn into the campaign. She said VID has a role to play and urged everyone to vote.

Tony Hoffmann of the Campaign Committee thanked everyone who participated in the petitioning effort and was very pleased to report that VID had secured 700 signatures for Jerrold Nadler, more, he thought, than any other club. A hundred signatures were secured for Carolyn Maloney. He invited everyone to join the next petition drive. The Candles for Clemency campaign was thinking about sending a few people to the Governor's house in Mt. Kisco to picket on a weekly basis--this may be more effective.

Nadine announced that Nat Johnson had brought postcards protesting the AIM pipeline, to be sent to the Governor.

Jen Hoppe, Chair of the Gala Committee, updated everyone re the Gala, to be held in two weeks. She urged everyone to attend and fielded some questions about the silent auction and what kinds of items will be available.

Now to the Endorsements--

State Senator Brad Hoylman, running unopposed in the 27 SD, had several people speak in his favor and was eventually unanimously endorsed by acclamation.



In the Assembly, where the incumbent, Deborah Glick, was running against challenger Arthur Schwartz, required a ballot, which Glick won, 30 in favor and one abstention.

State Committeewoman/66 AD Rachel Lavine was unopposed, and after discussion was unanimously endorsed by acclamation.

The State Committeeman/66 AD was sought by four candidates; Deley Gazinelli, Dodge Landesman, John Scott, and Benjamin Yee. There was much discussion and testimonials for each candidate, but Ben Yee ultimately won. The vote was: Deley 3, Dodge 4, John 4, and Ben 24, with one no endorsement.

Deborah Glick appeared, thanking everyone for the endorsement. She is running as a delegate for Clinton, and will be running a phone bank, which can be done from home, on the days before the Primary. She noted that Hillary is running 17 points ahead in the latest poll.

The next item of business was the club endorsement of the March for a Clean Energy Revolution, to be held in Philadelphia on July 24, the day before the Democratic Convention. This was previously okayed by the Executive Committee, and after discussion, was passed by a vote of 21 in favor, 4 against and two abstentions.

Finally, Nadine read the Resolution re 45 Rivington Street, previously passed by the Downtown Independent Democrats. This involved a building sold by the city with a restrictive deed limiting use of the building to a not-for-profit residential health care facility. Allure bought the building in 2004, then paid the Department of Administrative Services \$16 million to lift the deed restriction, allowing Allure to sell the building at a tremendous profit to Slate for conversion to condos. There was much discussion about what exactly should be done, with a final agreement to sign on to the resolution, with letters to be sent to Rosie Mendez, Allure, Corey Johnson, Margaret Chin, and possibly others. This was passed by the members unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned, in time for everyone to watch the Democratic Presidential Debate.