

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

1/26/81

President Dan Roskoff called the meeting to order and explained the requirements for duties required of Executive Committee members. He also noted that the next General Membership meeting will be held on Feb. 24th. The agenda will include: NDC Elections and speakers will be: Fran Bennett - NDC national committee; Tom Holman - NDC State Comm; Helen Polonski - NDC, N.Y. State.

District Leader Herman Gerson reported that results from the County Executive Committee, composed of 60 district leaders, showed that Edward Wallace was the final choice for the City Council seat vacated by Tony Olivieri.

Miriam Bockman noted that the Judiciary Evaluation Process is being reviewed and that the Bronx Reform Committee wants to address various clubs. There will be a conference next spring on city issues. The County Dinner will be held Feb. 19th at the Sheraton Hotel. Price for club members is \$85; speakers will be Gary Hart and Daniel Moynihan.

Volunteers were assigned responsibilities for the dinner honoring Tony Hoffman, to be held at Carol Greitzer's. An open house for new members will be held on Sun., Feb. 1st at 2:30 p.m. at ~~Tony Hoffman's~~ ^{V.I.D.}
Committee Reports:

Community Affairs: Ed Ortiz cited the inadequate facilities available to care for homeless people. Approximately 30,000 men and 6,000 women must be housed in facilities for only 1,400 men and 160 women. The Executive Committee voted in favor of presenting a resolution to the membership to encourage New York State to re-evaluate standards and practices for dealing with these homeless persons. (A copy of the resolution is attached).

Treasurer's Report: Camille Abate reported that VI D treasury will contain \$2,836.55 after February rent is paid. (\$3,589.55 at present).

Audit Committee: Phil Schwartz reported that a recommendation that all checks over \$200 need two signatures - that of the President or Treasurer and one vice-president -- was passed at the Jan. 21st meeting. Next meeting will be Feb. 4th.

Judicial Reform Committee: Catherine Abate presented a series of suggested reforms of the panel system used to select judicial candidates. The list of suggestions and details is attached. The executive committee endorsed the following sections of this list: B (a) - a term of one year for panel members; II (b) - requirements for selecting new applicants; (c) 3 - the use of a secret ballot; (d) - use of an orientation kit; (e) requirements for the administrator, with the added suggestion that the administrator guide the committee in the appropriate line of questions; (f) affirmative action considerations. All other sections remain open for discussion and further clarification.

There was further discussion concerning Judicial Reform reported previously by Catherine Abate. Section (4) concerning sustained versus pending charges was defeated (yes - 8; no - 10). Section (5) concerning separating judiciary panels in Manhattan and the Bronx was also defeated (yes - 7; no - 14). The Executive Committee favored maintaining the present position with separate civil court vacancies.

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Jeff Stonehill, representing VID at the Loft Tenants Assoc. meeting, announced that that group would meet next on March 26th.

The following matters will be discussed at the next VID membership meeting on Feb. 24, 1981: Tom ~~Holman~~ and Fran ~~Bennick~~ ^{will speak re NYS reform caucus} of NDC will speak about NDC ~~elections~~; the resolution from the Executive Committee on shelters for homeless persons will be discussed; Executive Committee vacancy ~~will be discussed~~ ^{will be discussed}. Election of judicial delegates and alternates will take place in March. A representative from the Village Nursing Home will speak about activities there and present a film strip. The deadline for submitting materials to the VID newsletter is Feb. 24th. ^{in re election of NDC delegate & alternates.}

Herman Gerson reported on block associations and funds for youth employment.

Dan Roskoff announced that Co-Chairpersons for the Consumer Affairs committee are Bob Cohen and Andrew Tulloch.

Dick Kelmans of the Housing Committee reported on a resolution from Ruth Messinger. The Executive Committee voted in favor of the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (yes - 21; no - 1).

Phil Schwartz of the Audit Committee noted that John Flynn had been informed that he could attend the meeting with VID audit books, but said Mr. Flynn had not attended meetings nor had he released the books. A motion passed supporting Phil Wood's suggestion that another letter be sent to John Flynn and meetings suspended until he could attend.

Tony Hoffman thanked everyone for help at the VID Open House.

Carol Reichmann reported that the next meeting of the Education Committee would be held on Feb. 18th.

The Community Affairs committee reported on Mayor Koch's block party regulations and the Executive Committee voted unanimously against these new regulations.

New Business: Jerry Goldfeder called for a motion supporting Arthur Schlesinger's call for an alternative to Mayor Koch. Phil Schwartz moved to table this motion; this was defeated, (9 in favor; 10 against). Tony Hoffman moved to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to present the motion at the next Executive Committee meeting and this was passed unanimously. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet Feb. 11th.

Dan Roskoff, reporting for Meryl Berman, said the VID Dinner will be held at Les Mouches on March 20, 1981. The price is \$50 per person; speakers will be Lilian Roberts, Associate Director of the Hospital Workers Union, DC 37. A discussion of deposit requirements with the restaurant followed. VID will guarantee 160 reservations and will pay \$1500 on deposit and the remainder at the dinner.

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Community Affairs Committee reported that they had discussed the new block party regulations proposing additional taxes on money from these events. The need for shelters was also discussed and the Flynn-Dearie Commercial Tenants Protection Act. In March a film strip regarding needs of older people will be shown at the Village Nursing Home. On March 5th VID will consider the question of judicial delegates and alternates.

Treasurer's Report: Camille Abate reported that VID has \$1,090 in its account. A proposal to extend our basic \$318 fire insurance coverage with a yearly addition of \$35-\$40 for negligence was approved, pending discussion of a rider to that effect.

Catherine Abate reported that on April 15th a meeting on entrapment by law enforcement officials would include speaker Nat Hentoff and a representative from the DA's office.

Lynn Shulman mentioned that Feb. 24th was the deadline for VID newsletter articles. A buffet dinner connected with a service for alcoholics will be held on Friday, Feb. 27th.

A resolution from the judicial reform committee, read by Neil Getnick, was favored unanimously.

The Human Rights Committee will meet on March 2nd and will hold a membership meeting also on March 16th.

Carol Reichmann, Education Committee, read a resolution expressing VID opposition to tax credits for private education. The resolution passed, with 2 opposed.

Miriam Bochman announced that an Ad Hoc Committee on Westway had been formed for the purpose of keeping funds free of state control.

The NDC Chair announced that 25 slots are open, including some at-large seats and that the women's caucus and Hispanic slate are still in question.

Dan Roskoff announced that there was a vacancy on the Executive Committee for a term to expire in June. The Foreign Policy Committee, a new committee, will be chaired by Norma Becker and is attempting to set up a program with a speaker on El Salvador.

Nathan Riter requested permission to use the VID mailing list for an invitation to a fundraiser sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats. Permission was approved, with the organization required to follow requirements governing use of the mailing list.

Phil Schwartz reported that a letter had been sent to John Flynn regarding VID records.

Neil Getnick reported that the Environmental Committee would meet on Wednesday to discuss an anti-Indian Point effort and other alternative energy issues.

Meryl Berman reminded everyone of the VID fundraiser and announced that the Fundraising Committee was seeking new ideas.

Bob Cohen reported that the Consumer Affairs Committee would begin a survey on local drugstores.

Jerry Goldfeder read a resolution proposed by an Ad Hoc Committee on Mayor Koch's current actions. (Resolution attached.) Discussion followed; Phil Wood introduced a substitute motion seeking another mayoral candidate. Clarence Thompson suggested a special meeting to discuss these motions. A question of using a secret ballot was raised but did not pass (16 opposed). Phil Wood read a resolution incorporating suggestions from the Ad Hoc Committee; this resolution was defeated (9 - in favor; 14 - opposed; 5 - abstentions). Keith Crandell introduced a substitute resolution which was defeated: 10 - in favor; 16 - opposed; 1 - abstention. After further discussion and amendments the resolution introduced by Jerry Goldfeder was passed (13 - in favor; 8 - opposed; 2 - abstentions).

Camille Abate proposed having a special meeting in 2-3 weeks to discuss the resolution, rather than using the next membership meeting. The motion was defeated: (11 - in favor; 10 - opposed and the President voted in opposition. The motion to discuss the resolution at the March 26th General Membership Meeting then passed: 9 - in favor; 5 - opposed; 1 - abstention.

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A new chairman has been selected for the Publicity Committee.

Legislative Affairs Committee will also select a new chairman.

At the next membership meeting there will be election of 5 delegates and 5 alternates to the judicial convention, as well as the election of one member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee Guidelines for the March 23rd general membership meeting were adopted as follows:

- 1) Speakers will be limited to 2 minutes each.
- 2) There will be a 20 minute maximum for each main motion.
- 3) There will be 15 additional minutes allotted for amendments to each motion.

The above motion passed -- 16 in favor, 6 opposed.

Method of balloting:

- 1) Voting will be limited to club members and will be done by secret ballot. This motion passed -- 14 in favor, 8 opposed.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. At 9:00 p.m. discussion regarding resolutions proposed to encourage liberal opponents to enter the race against Mayor Koch will begin.

Miriam Bockman reported on the election of officers at the Democratic National Committee.

Phil Schwartz reported that there would be a voluntary income tax service at the VID headquarters from 10-2 on Saturdays.

Ed Ortiz reported on Community Affairs concerns which include issues involving Uncle Paul's Bar in the Village; block association opposition to new city tax regulations; and a proposal to have a representative from Westbeth speak at VID regarding funding for the arts.

Ilene Zucker introduced a resolution against military aid to El Salvador which passed unanimously. There will also be a speak-in in April to acquaint the public with problems in El Salvador.

Tony Hoffman reported that VID now has 617 members and noted that the next membership committee meeting would be Monday, 8 p.m.

Phil Schwartz reported that the Audit Committee was unable to contact John Flynn.

Carol Feinman reported that the Campaign Committee would meet on March 31st to begin considering petitioning for primaries.

Carol Reichman reported that the Education Committee would meet on April 13th to consider the budget for the 1981 school year.

New Business:

Tony Hoffman reported that the Manhattan chapter of NDC elected 6 members from among our delegates, bringing our votes to 14.

Joan Swan introduced a resolution regarding support for St. Luke's church rebuilding efforts which passed unanimously.

Amy Wyman was given use of the VID mailing list for a fundraiser at the Village Gate. Fran Bennick was given approval to enclose a form asking people to join NDC in the next newsletter.

A resolution supporting Abbie Hoffman's efforts for a reduced sentence was passed -- 13 in favor, 8 opposed.

A resolution supporting funds for education and student loans was passed unanimously.

A resolution asking endorsed candidates for District Attorney, Mayor, City Council to demonstrate affirmative action goals was also passed.

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The President reminded the executive committee of the rules for debate governing the next general membership meeting.

The following events are scheduled in the near future:

- Wed. - NDC meeting, Beekman Place
- Sun. - GLID fundraiser
- 3/31 - Campaign Committee meeting
- 4/5 - A Civil Rights Forum at Columbia with Ted Weiss
- 4/14 - Foreign Policy Seminar
- 4/15 - Judicial Reform forum

Camille Abate reported that profits from the VID dinner are currently \$4345 and more money is due.

Phil Schwartz reported that Ted Weiss would speak at a Conference on Human Rights; a \$5 check from City Bank was deposited; a letter (attached) was written to John Flynn.

Herman Gerson reported on a meeting with the local school board and noted that there were future plans to contact the Chancellor.

Miriam Bockman reported on upcoming panels and workshops.

After discussion, a motion to support striking doctors and hospital personnel in their efforts to improve patient care at several city hospitals was approved.

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April 6, 1981

Betsy Naylor was appointed Chairperson for the Fundraising Committee.

The Committee for Maximum Participation, set up to implement the resolution passed previously, will be chaired by Jerry Goldfeder.

Herman Gerson announced that he will not be a candidate for District Leader in the next election. He also reported on a meeting which included officers from the 6th Precinct; additional police are planned for the summer, particularly in the Washington Square Park area. There is also a new ordinance recently passed which allows police to confiscate merchandise from illegal peddlers.

Committee Reports:

Education: An ad hoc committee to save schools has been formed. It is composed of various groups opposing the 25% cut in Federal aid and the tuition tax credit, which is presently before the Senate and House. Senate is reported to be 48 in favor, 44 opposed; House is reported as 206 in favor, 207 opposed.

Fundraising: Betsy Naylor reported on plans for a VID block party. The issue of a tax on vendors is still unresolved. Next meeting will be April 21st. The next VID fundraiser will be an outdoor event.

Housing: A trip to Albany is scheduled for April 7th.

Consumer Affairs: Bob Cohen reported that questionnaires are out for the survey of Village drugstores.

Community Affairs: Ed Ortiz reported that the following topics will be covered during meetings on April 9th and 15th:

- 1) the block party tax
- 2) the situation of the homeless (guest speakers)
- 3) Westbeth representative will come to discuss the need for a conference on the arts
- 4) there will be a report on the lower eastside Alliance for Progress

Mel Goodstein reported that a meeting to oppose tour bus use of streets near Washington Square had been held.

Treasurer's Report: \$6,261.50 in the bank; \$2400 bill was recently paid for printing costs.

Housing: Richard Kelmans mentioned the trip to Albany to support the Housing Bill

Education: Carol Reichmann reported that on April 13th a meeting to discuss the battle for the Manhattan seat on the State Regents Committee will be held.

Campaign: Carol Feinman presented a calendar of endorsements to be placed on the agenda for general membership meetings during April, May and June. After discussion, the executive committee approved the calendar. A motion to move the general membership meeting from May 6th to May 12th was defeated; it was decided to follow the agenda for the May 6th date. A motion was passed instructing VID delegates to be bound for the first two ballots only at the NDC convention.

Membership: Tony Hoffman reported that there will be a brunch for new members sometime in May.

Human Rights: The next meeting will be April 27th, with a guest speaker on abortion.

Environment: The committee is planning a conference on energy issues with representatives from various community groups.

Audit: Phil Schwartz read a letter received from John Flynn.

A resolution was passed thanking Herman Gerson and Miriam Bockman for their service to VID as District Leaders.

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April 20, 1981

Herman Gerson proposed sending a letter to Mayor Koch urging him to support a bill to control the bottle/can deposit requirements. Alan Roskoff mentioned a criticism of the Sunset Provision in this bill. The executive committee decided to wait until the Chairman of the Environmental Committee was present before sending such a letter.

Amy Wyman was appointed head of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Committee Reports:

Campaign: The general membership meeting for June has been set for the 11th; at that meeting endorsements for Mayor, District Attorney, and City Council-at-large will be discussed.

Foreign Affairs: A trip to Washington is planned for May 3rd.

Education: Carol Reichmann announced that there were plans for a meeting with State Senator Orenstein to discuss support of the voucher system.

Community Affairs: At a general meeting of block associations, the 15% vendor tax was discussed. The Old Village Fair has been cancelled; other associations are undecided.

Fundraising: Betsy Naylor reported that the committee would like to plan a block party after petitioning on June 20th. The plans call for limiting the party to two blocks in order to avoid the block party tax. A resolution was passed by the executive committee to hold the block party and limit it to one block (officially) in order to avoid acting as tax collector for the city and in order to register a protest against the proposed tax (14 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions).

Membership: Tony Hoffman announced that the tentative date for the brunch for new members is May 9th.

Human Rights: Noreen Connell will speak on abortion at the meeting on Monday at 8 p.m. Amy Wyman mentioned a Planned Parenthood meeting on Tuesday, April 21st.

New Business: Phil Wood noted that the VID has an opportunity to update its file cards on voters by using a service from the Board of Elections. The cost is \$6/1,000 for labels and \$3.50-\$4.00/1,000 for index cards with labels. VID needs approximately 35-40,000 of each category for a projected expense of \$350-\$400. Approval of this expenditure passed overwhelmingly.

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May 18, 1981

A motion to move endorsements for City Council President and Controller to the June 11th General Membership Meeting (from May 28th) passed overwhelmingly.

On June 11th, the following endorsements will be considered: Mayor, City Council President, Civil Court Judge, District Attorney, Controller and City Council at large. There will be a campaign kickoff party following this meeting.

Catherine Abate reported that a meeting had been held regarding the timing of traffic lights on 11th Street and 7th Avenue where two children were recently killed. A police or traffic officer will be stationed at the intersection.

A resolution **against** the D'Amato Bill regarding rent control and rent stabilization was passed; an amendment to the resolution was added refuting the idea that this bill would encourage further building expansion.

Camille Abate reported that VID presently has \$5,600 in the bank.

Klaus Von Stutterheim spoke on the need for help with petitioning on June 16, 17 and 18 to collect signatures for VID endorsed candidates.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: A meeting after the May 28th membership meeting will consider needs for the VID June Block Party.

Community Affairs: Will meet Thurs, at 7:30 with block association representatives to discuss vendors fees. Mel Goodstein reported on a move by the Community Board to change an area from Washington Street north to 14th from commercial to residential zoning. An emergency resolution was passed against this change.

Legislative Affairs: Will meet May 26th.

Membership: Reported that the Open House was very successful.

Education: Reported that Orenstein withdrew Hirschfeld as a candidate for the School Board.

Campaign: Reminded members of the Candidates Night on May 20th; committee will meet on June 12th.

Human Rights: Will meet Monday June 8th; 4 resolutions will be presented at the membership meeting on May 28th.

Housing: An emergency resolution was passed regarding bills which support eviction of tenants in cooperative housing; the resolution will be presented to the membership.

New Business:

Reafael Pi Roman will chair a new committee -- Labor Committee.

Tom Weiss spoke on his candidacy for City Council opposing Miriam Friedlander. A motion to rescind VID endorsement of Friedlander was defeated.

Minutes Executive Committee Meeting 6/15/81

President Dan Roskoff called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. He went upcoming events and meetings. A new chair for the Judicial Reform Committee was confirmed- Klaus Von Stutterheim. Lyn Peters, Rose James and Barbara Schneider were welcomed as new Executive Committee members. Henry Tompkins was thanked for doing such a good clean up job after the last General Membership meeting. It was agreed that the July General Membership meeting would be on Tuesday, July 14th starting at 9P.M. Dan will try to get either Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo or Speaker Stanley Fink as guest speaker.

District Leader report-Herman Gerson spoke about bill in Albany to do something about pornography on cable T.V. to give option to local stations to put it on, or not. He'll look further into the bill. He also spoke about the bottle bill which has been defeated this year.

Treasurer Camille Abate gave the fiscal report. We presently have a balance of about \$5,500 in the bank which does not include any of the Block Party money. We will have a big fund raiser in July for the campaign.

Campaign Chair Carol Feinman spoke about upcoming campaign. She requested \$300 to \$350 for immediate literature, buttons and campaign sign. Such amount was authorized by Executive Committee.

Community Affairs Chair Ed Ortiz reported on meetings with Block Assoc. people regarding Block Party regulations.

Block Party Chair Mary Bluzer reported on progress of V.I.D. Block Party which will be held this Sat. June 20th.

Legislative Affairs Chair Amy Wyman announced next meeting July 8th.

Labor Chair Raphael Pi Roman announced meeting on June 30th.

Tony Hoffmann, candidate for male District Leader and Catherine Abate, District Leader submitted a resolution (read by Dan Roskoff as Tony and Catherine were representing V.I.D. at a meeting) opposing zoning changes in Village (see attached resolution), Resolution was passed unanimously and passed on an emergency basis so it is club position until General Membership votes on it

Under New Business- Stephanie Rogall proposed a resolution against the proposed warship celebration on July 4th in N.Y. harbor (see attached resolution), it was passed unanimously. Councilwoman Carol Greitzer spoke about Bottle bill, and about new proposed rent increases. Councilman Ed Wallace thanked us for endorsing him last week and spoke about current Council business. Rick Braun brought up resolution requesting Senator Warren Anderson to unstar four bills in State Senate so they can be voted on, it was passed unanimously. Stephanie's resolution regarding July 4th celebration and Rick's resolution regarding Housing bills were both passed on emergency basis so we can take immediate action on them. Catherine and Tony came in and reported on public meeting they were at. Meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:20 P.M.

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Meeting was called to order by President Dan Roskoff at 9:45 P.M. He spoke about the encouraging result in the special Congressional election in Mississippi. He also spoke about the need for petitioning and campaign work coming up. He suggest August 12th as the date for the next Genral Membership meeting after July 14th and suggest a spokesperson from the Gay-Lesbian community and a spokesperson from the Woman's movement to be the guest speakers.

District Leader Catherine Abate reported on the campaign and on the issue of the park on West 4th. St. and 6th Ave. Mark Tenner also spoke on the issue and a resolution presented by Bob O'Brien was passed unanimously. (see attached).

District Leader candidate Tony Hoffmann spoke about the campaign, the park on West 4th St. and 6th Ave. and on the monitoring of the trial of Ronald Crumley.

Klaus Von Stutterheim, petitioning coordinator spoke of V.I.D.'s need to qualify all our County Committee candidates. C arol Feinman, our Campaign chair spoke about the entire campaign effort.

Camille Abate gave a treasurers report.

Gina Shamus and Harvey Seifter (Dev. Director, Theatre for the New City) spoke about the rally on July 18th at Lincloln Center to Save the Arts. A motion regarding the rally was passed (see attached).

Stephanie Rogall, Human Rights chair spoke about work of her committee.

Ilene Zucker, Membership Chair gave a membership status report. She also offered a resolution opposing Assembly Bill #7953 which concerns censorship of cable T.V. The resolution was passed unanimously (see attached bill and resolution.)

Neil Getnick, Env. chair reported and offered a resolution regarding sulphur which was passed uanimously (see attached).

Bill Engeler, representing the Labor Comm. spoke and offered a resolution regarding the upcoming Sept. 19th rally (see attached) which was passed unanimously. He spoke regarding V.I.D. plans for rally.

2 Women from the Comm. For Medical Aid to El Salvador spoke and V.I.D. voted to donate \$100 ,by passing the hat at the membership meeting on 7/14/81 and by donating the difference if under \$100 is collected.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 11 P.M.