

Minutes

General Membership Meeting

Feb. 24, 1981

Dan Roskoff announced that a new Foreign Policy Committee, chaired by Norma Becker, had been formed. He reminded people of the City Council vacancy, announced at the last meeting. The party for Tony Hoffman was declared successful. The VID Annual Dinner will be held on March 20, 1981. The next general membership meeting will be March 26, 1981.

The President read a resolution introduced by Jerry Goldfeder at the previous Executive Committee Meeting, calling for candidates to enter the next mayoral race. This resolution will be discussed at the March 26th General Membership Meeting, beginning at 9:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and other club issues will be presented until 9:00 when discussion on the resolution will begin.

On April 5th Ted Weiss will lead a forum on Civil Rights.

On April 7th the Housing Committee has planned a trip to Albany.

On April 15th there will be a forum on entrapment with speaker Nat Hentoff and a representative from the DA's office.

Phil Schwartz reported that State Democratic Committee Chairman Tom Holman discussed the question of the Chairman of NDC. At the County Democratic Dinner Senator Moynihan spoke on taxing power, Reagan's proposals on mass transit cutbacks and use of national energy.

Herman Gerson reported that the police assigned to deal with narcotics problems in the East Village had been cut from 16 to 10 and noted that there are meetings at Greenwich House on the last Wednesday of each month regarding East Village problems.

Councilman Henry Stern reported that two consumer protection bills passed: 1) a truth-in-dying bill that requires financial disclosure by funeral parlors; 2) a bill that requires supermarkets to list and post rain check information on sale items.

Tom Holman, head of the Reform Caucus of the State Committee of New York, spoke on recent issues and noted that a commission had been formed to review election laws.

Ester Smith, State Committee member, spoke on the shift in funds by President Reagan which will affect both Federal and State services. She also noted the need for an issue-oriented party in New York City.

Fran Bennett, head of national NDC, spoke on the need to have new representatives from New York in NDC. She also mentioned that the President's budget will affect student loan programs and said there would be an issues meeting on April 1st.

Elections for 7 delegates and 7 alternates to NDC were held:

Delegates elected were: Tony Hoffman, Camille Abate, Phil Wood, Lynn Shulman, Ed Ortiz, Carol Reichmann and ~~Dan~~ ^{Allen} Roskoff.

Alternates elected were: Elaine Goldstein and Carla Moskowitz (tied), Betsy Naylor, Clarence Thompson, Carol Feinman, Meryl Berman and John Cataldo.

The tally is attached.

Amy Wyman was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Community Affairs Committee ~~met~~ ^{meets} on March 3rd to discuss grants for the arts at Westbeth and conditions regarding problems for the homeless in New York. A resolution regarding homeless persons (see attached) passed almost unanimously.

Ed Ortiz pointed out that a 15% sales tax on earnings is being suggested by the city to be applied to block parties in the Village and elsewhere. A resolution opposing this tax passed unanimously.

Housing Committee: Richard Kelmans reported that the Flynn-Dearie Bill was endorsed and a resolution supporting this bill passed unanimously.

Judiciary Committee: Resolution regarding selection of judicial panel members passed.

Neil Getner introduced a resolution regarding legal defense which also passed unanimously.

Carol Reichmann spoke on tax credits for education and a resolution supporting this passed unanimously.

Human Rights: Next meeting will be on March 2nd and a forum on retirement and a program on abortion rights are among events planned.

New Business: It was suggested that efforts be made to strengthen prohibitions against gambling at street fairs.

General Meeting

March 26, 1981

Phil Schwartz noted that the State Committee of New York has called for reconsideration of Federal cutbacks in legal aid to the poor. He also reminded the club that a tax service for those with incomes under \$10,000 will be available through VID.

A vacancy on the Executive Committee was filled with the unanimous election of Henry Tomkins.

Norma Becker reported on a resolution passed by the Executive Committee regarding El Salvador. The resolution was passed overwhelmingly by the general membership.

Neil Getner reported that the Environmental Committee would hold a forum on Con Edison costs and was planning another program on anti-nuclear projects.

A motion from the Human Right Committee regarding affirmative action programs which was passed overwhelmingly by the general membership (motion read by Stephanie Rogall).

Herman Gerson read a statement honoring Miriam Bockman for her years of service.

Bob Cohen and Andrew Tulloch reported that the Consumer Affairs Committee would begin a survey of drugstores in the Village area.

The following were selected as Delegates and Alternates to the Judicial Convention:

Delegates

Catherine Abate (40)
Roz Lichter (35)
Klaus Von Stutterheim (31)
Phil Schwartz (28)
(Stephanie Rogall) & (25)
Leona Friedman (tied)
(Coin flip)

Alternates

Carol Feinman (24)
Jerry Goldfeder (18)
Sheri Tierney (10)
Chad Olsen (3)
Stephanie Rogall

Chad Olsen read a resolution supporting Abbie Hoffman which was passed overwhelmingly.

Richard Kelmans spoke on the need for pass the Flynn-Dearie Bill and urged club members to write their legislators.

Future Committee Meetings: Community Affiars 4/9 7:30 p.m.
Campaign Committee 3/31

9:00 p.m. -

Jerry Goldfeder read a resolution urging liberal candidates to oppose Mayor Koch which was formerly passed by the Executive Committee on February 9th.

Keith Crandell introduced a substitute resolution (attached).

Phil Wood introduced a second substitute motion (attached).

Following discussion and according to Roberts Rules, balloting on the Phil Wood resolution was held. The results were: 81 in favor; 157 opposed; 4 abstentions; 4 void ballots.

The floor then considered the resolution introduced by Keith Crandell and the results of the balloting were: 147 in favor; 86 opposed; 2 abstentions. The VID therefore endorsed this resolution.

Various news media covered the above events.

Village Independent Democrats
224 West 4th Street
CH3-6555

General Membership Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Thursday, March 26th, 1981

Note: This meeting will start at 7P.M. sharp so we can cover all items on the agenda.

Agenda:

1. Reports of President, District Leaders and Elected Officials.
(5 minute time limit will be strictly enforced)
2. Elections.
 - A. Five delegates and five alternate delegates to Judicial Convention.
 - B. 1 Executive committee member (For term expiring June 1981)
3. Committee Chair Reports.
4. At 9 P.M. we will consider the following resolution approved by the Executive Committee on Feb. 23rd:

Whereas the Village Independent Democrats has disagreed with Mayor Koch on significant issues, among them being that he:

exacerbated racial, ethnic and economic tensions among the people of New York by his recurrent pattern of vituperative utterances;

has undermined the independent judicial system by his inordinant concessions to Bronx regular political party organizations;

has disregarded the health care needs of the people who live in the community of the Sydenham hospital by closing it;

has abandoned the people and principles of the Democratic Party by endorsing reactionary, Conservative Party candidates such as John Calendra with the apparent aim of seeking the Conservative Party nomination;

has engaged in needless confrontation with organized labor;

Whereas the Village Independent Democrats believes that the Mayoralty election should provide the people of New York with an opportunity to choose among candidates who have fully debated the issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the Village Independent Democrats urges candidates in addition to the incumbent to run for the office of the Mayor of New York and debate the issues, and supports other responsible groups urging the same

5. New Business

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April 28, 1981

Herman Gerson reported that the bottle/can deposit bill is now supported by Mayor Koch and State Senator Orenstein.

After explanation of rules governing speaking time, a forum for Democratic County Leader proceeded. Three candidates spoke and answered questions: Herman (Denny) Farrell, Jim McManus and Joseph Fallon. The results of the first ballot were: 43 McManus; 42 Fallon; 43 - Farrell; 2 abstentions. A run-off between the two tied candidates was held. The results of the second ballot were: Farrell-63; McManus-49; 2 abstentions; 2 invalid ballots.

2 members were elected to the VID Executive Committee: Leona Friedman and Bill Engler.

Helen Polansky of the New York State *New Democratic Coalition* spoke and was followed by Douglas Gordun, President of the N.Y. County Young Democrats.

Miriam Friedlander was endorsed in one unanimous ballot for the 2nd Councilmatic District; she mentioned the forthcoming dangers in the new redistricting plans for Manhattan.

Carol Greitzer was endorsed in one unanimous ballot for the 3rd Councilmatic District.

Committee Reports:

Betsey Naylor - Fundraising - announced that the VID Block Party will be held June 20th. Contributions are welcome.

Ed Ortiz - Community Affairs - reported that results of a meeting with block associations have produced 4 basic principles which will be put into writing. On May 11th there will be another meeting of all block associations.

Amy Wyman - Legislative Affairs -- mentioned a meeting on May 26th and has provided a box for suggested topics.

Norma Becker - Foreign Policy - reminded members of the demonstration on Sunday in Washington against U.S. involvement in El Salvador.

Stephanie Rogalll - Human Rights - mentioned that 4 resolutions from the committee will be introduced at the May 6th meeting.

Neil Getnick - Environmental Committee - said future plans include a hearing on Westway and a meeting with Community Board #2.

Tony Hoffman - Membership - reported that at the end of April VID had more than 60 new members and mentioned the new members brunch on May 11th, 68 Charles St., 8-10 p.m.

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May 6, 1981

Herman Gerson mentioned that due to cooperation between the Mayor's office and Friends of Washington Square Park, the area had been cleaned up, graffiti removed and re-sodding begun.

Miriam Bockman reported that the County Executive Committee meeting of district leaders was attended by more than 80. She also spoke on efforts to build Democratic organizations and noted that Denny Farrell was selected as County Leader.

President Dan Roskoff read two resolutions honoring Herman Gerson and Miriam Bockman which were unanimously endorsed.

Phil Schwartz reported that there are 2 bills in Albany which will affect voting rules: 1) extends voter registration to 4 years rather than the current 2 years; 2) a unification court act will take choice of judges away from voters and place them in the courts if passed.

Catherine Abate was endorsed in one unanimous ballot as choice for Female District Leader.

Candidates for Manhattan Borough President -- Andrew Stein and David Dinkins -- spoke and answered questions. Stein was endorsed over Dinkins.

A motion was introduced suggesting that NDC delegates to remain bound for the first vote was suggested; this was defeated. A substitute motion to bind delegates for the first 3 ballots was passed; 75 in favor, 49 opposed, 3 abstentions. Two substitute motions were defeated: one asked that delegates cast a first ballot for Tony Olivieri and then remain free; the second would have allowed delegates to be instructed on all ballots but not be bound.

Carol Bellamy was endorsed in a straw vote for President of the City Council; Harrison Goldin was endorsed in a straw vote for Controller. NDC delegates have agreed to be bound by these choices in the May 31st Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. so that a Divisional County Committee meeting for the 64th A.D., Part A, could be held.

Minutes General Membership Meeting
Thursday-June 11th, 1981

President Dan Roskoff opening the meeting at 7:45 P.M. spoke about the upcoming campaign. District Leader Catherine Abate reported on her activities. Our endorsed candidate for District Leader-Male Tony Hoffmann spoke and thanked the club for its endorsement on May 28th.

Endorsement vote for Manhattan District Attorney was 55 for Robert Morgenthau and 10 for No Endorsement making Robert Morgenthau our endorsed candidate. For Civil Court Judge Countywide Karla Moskowitz received one unanimous ballot. Elections for fourteen Executive Committee members for terms expiring in June 1982 were held. The following fourteen people were elected with the following votes: Ilene Zucker (101), Lyn Peters (100), Klaus Von Stutterheim (93), Ruth Sherlip (92), Carol Reichman (87), Jim Briggs (85), Mel Goodstein (85), Amy Wyman (83), Susan Sassouni (80), Henry Tompkins (80), Raphael Pi Roman (77), Barbara Schaeider (73), Joe Marro (71), Rose James (69).

Not elected, receiving the following votes were: Alicia Wilder (57), Chad Elson (46), Norman Radow (42), Joyce Couvares (32), and Richard Brandys (19).

Endorsement vote for President of the City Council was Carol Bellamy 117, No Endorsement 5 and 1 vote for Miriam Bockman, making Carol Bellamy our endorsed candidate.

V.I.D. members spoke for the two Council at Large candidates Ed Wallace and Nancy Ross. The endorsement vote was Ed Wallace 131, Nancy Ross 30 and No Endorsement 10 making Ed Wallace our endorsed candidate.

V.I.D. members spoke for the various candidates for Mayor and for the position of No Endorsement. The endorsement vote was Edward I. Koch 153, Frank Barbaro 117, No Endorsement 13, Jim Smith 3, Hal Koppersmith 1 and 1 Abstention making Edward I. Koch our endorsed candidate.

V.I.D. members spoke for the three candidates for Comptroller. The endorsement vote was Harrison Goldin 101, John Dearie 44, George Strauss 3 and No Endorsement 21 making Harrison Goldin our endorsed candidate.

Committee Chairs reports were Stephanie Rogal, Human Rights -attached resolution from committee was passed unanimously. The campaign committee chair Carol Feinman spoke about upcoming campaign. Mel Goodstein from the Community Affairs committee presented a resolution (see attached) which passed overwhelmingly. The chair of the Legislative Affairs committee Amy Wyman reported as did the chair from the Labor Committee Raphael Pi Roman.

Under New Business the membership voted down (by a vote of 22-30-4) a motion which would have shifted ~~XXXXX~~ Andrew Stein and Robert Morgenthau from the petition which includes the Mayor, Pres. of the City Council and Comptroller to the petition which includes our local candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

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Meeting was called to order by President Dan Roskoff at 9:10 P.M. He spoke about the petitioning drive, other campaign work coming up, the importance of V.I.D.'s campaign and about upcoming dates and events.

Catherine Abate, District Leader spoke about the campaign and about her involvement with C.B. 2 and the community on a host of issues. She spoke about the rezoning fight in the West Village which it seems we've won as the law firm representing the developers have withdrawn their application. She proposed the resolution concerning rezoning in the W. Village which had passed the Ex. Comm. on 6/29 . It was passed unanimously (see attached.).

District Leader candidate Tony Hoffmann spoke about the campaign, the meetings he's been attending, the rezoning fight we're waging against the developers and about the Crumley trial he's helping monitor.

Klaus Von Stutterheim, our petitioning coordinator spoke about the need for petitioners.

Our guest speaker, Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo spoke about the future of the country under Reagan, the future of the Democratic Party and the future of Mario Cuomo among other topics. He also answered questions.

Councilwomen Carol Greitzer and Miriam Friedlander spoke about their campaigns and present community endeavors.

Carol Feinman, our Campaign chair spoke about our campaign and about tomorrow's campaign fundraiser.

We elected Jim Briggs, Camille Abate, and Ilene Zucker (in that order drawn by lot) ~~AFTER~~ election by unanimous consent) by one ~~unanimous~~ ^{UNANIMOUS} ballot as alternate N.D.C. delegates.

Bob O'Brien presented resolution concerning park on W.4th St which had passed Ex. Comm. on 7/13 it passed overwhelmingly.

Ilene Zucker offered resolution regarding cable T.V. which had passed Ex. Comm. on 7/13 it was passed overwhelmingly. (see attached.)She also spoke for the Comm. on Medical Aid to El Salvador. We passed the hat and will donate \$100 .

Raphael Pi Roman offered resolution re Sept. 19th rally , as chair of Labor Comm. It passed unanimously. He spoke about VID plans concerning rally.

Neil Getnick , chair of Env. Comm. spoke and presented resolution which passed Ex. Comm. on 7/13 , it passed unanimously.

Rick Braun representing Housing Comm. spoke on Housing Legislation.
~~XXX~~ Rick also spoke re work of Americans for Common Sense,

Amy Wyman, chair of Legislative Affairs spoke about work of her comm.
Meeting was adjourned at approx. 11:30 P.M.