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The meeting was called to order at 7:55 by Meryl Berman, V.I.D's president (hereafter referred to as the Chair).

The Chair asked for the Executive Committee's approval of an expenditure of \$75 for a half-page advertisement in the journal for the NDC 1983 annual dinner which is to honor Governor Mario Cuomo and labor leader Jan Pierce. This was approved unanimously.

The Chair then announced that on Thursday, January 13, 1983 at 6P.M. at the 60 East Club, 27th Floor at 60 E. 42 Street, there will be a forum sponsored by the New York County Democratic Committee on Gentrification in New York City. The Chair asked for people interested in helping the State Committee address envelopes for a \$500 dinner to speak to Ilene Zucker.

Carol Feinman asked whether addressers could get reduced priced tickets and the Chair responded that this would be unlikely.

A new committee was announced - Criminal Justice Committee which will be chaired by Norman Correnthal and Paul Samuels.

Norman Correnthal addressed the Executive Committee on the goals on the new committee. He stated that there has been a great deal of interest in criminal justice. This committee will hopefully become a focal point for new ideas and will show that being a political progressive is not inconsistent with wanting a ~~best~~ sound criminal justice system.

The Chair asked for Executive Committee approval of Larry Josephs as Publicity Chair and of Camille Abate as Campaign Chair. This approval was given unanimously. Larry Josephs will give a description at January 11th's General Meeting as to how VID can increase its publicity quietent in the media.

The Fundraising Committee's report was given by Betsy Naylor. She stated that there will be a Dinner Committee meeting on January 13, 1983 at 8:30 P.M. and asked Dave Comacho, one of the Dinner Co-chairs to address the meeting. Dave stated that at the Thursday meeting, there will be a discussion on places to hold the dinner at. All people who know of places should speak to him or to Anita Kramer, the other Dinner co-chair. Any potential place must be able to sit 200 people, preferrably on one floor, with room to dance after the dinner. The Chair thanked Dave and Anita and also thanked Betsy and Chad Elson for chairing the Holiday Party.

The Environment Committee's report was given by Neil Getnick. He announced that the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 13, 1983, at 8 PM. At the January 11th General Meeting, Richard Hartzman will report on work done on the proposed Indian Point Nuclear Plant.

The Legislative Committee's report was given by Amy Wyman. She put two pieces on legislation which the committee has been working on before the floor. The first issue is the Flat Tax which was discussed by John Mark. He stated that at the 97th Congress there had been 26 different proposals introduced in Congress. These are now dead and aides to various legislators whom John spoke, would not say publicly that any new legislation would be introduced. There are many economic issues involved here which John did not feel truly qualified to talk about at the present moment but he was researching the matter and would get back to us in the near future.

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Norman Correnthal talked about gun control, an issue on which he and Carol Novack have been working. He stated that the last Congress saw the proposal of two types of gun legislation. The first was the Kennedy-Rodino bill which favored a stronger control and which is incorporated in a proposed resolution which Norman would move for later. The second type was the McClure-Volker bill which is against gun control. The latter piece of legislation was aimed at defining and applying narrowly a particular prosecutorial tactic - prosecuting people for selling firearms without a license. There is not too much material on this latter piece of legislation but Jerry Tinker of Senator Kennedy's office has sent the committee material to further study it.

Norman stated that the purpose of V.I.D.'s supporting a resolution on this issue would be to make our feelings strongly known to all members of New York's Congressional delegation as well to other interested people. Norman then read the resolution (see annexed copy/minutes on 1/11/83 Gen'l meeting)

Ilene Zucker asked was there any legislation for curtailing the sale of ammunition as well as the sale of handguns. Norman replied that this issue was addressed by the Kennedy-Rodino bill.

Carol Feinman asked whether the provision limiting the sale of handguns to two per year, per owner would apply to sportspeople who shot at a gun club and who kept their guns at the club. Norman replied that he believed such an exception was in the issue but that he would support not having the exception because a Constitutional balancing test would be in favor of gun control.

Dave Comacho moved to call the question and Jerry Goldfeder seconded. The question was called and the resolution approved with one vote in opposition and one abstention.

The Housing Committee's report was given by Rick Braun. Rick began his report by talking about the situation facing the tenants at 97 Horatio Street, where in Rockrose Realty is seeking a zoning variance from mixed use to residential. He stated that Rockrose did not come forward with information as to the zoning variance. At the last Housing Committee meeting, residents spoke on the issue and a resolution was passed. Rick read the resolution and answered several questions on the issue. The resolution passed with two abstentions. Rick then announced a forum on February 15, 1983 with a speaker from the "Good Old Lower East Side" who will inform tenants on their rights. The meeting will be chaired by Rick and will be held in the East Village. On Thursday, January 6, 1983, Rick spoke before a meeting of the New York State Committee on Housing. V.I.D. was the only political organization to send a speaker. The hearing was on rent controls with an emphasis on the Flynn-Dearie Bill. There is hope that this legislation will be passed during the coming session.

The Chair announced that the next monthly mailing will be done on January 25, 1983. She asked that all committee chairs give notice by the January 24, 1983 Executive Committee as to when their next meetings would be in order that the meeting dates be reflected in the Agenda.

Tony Hoffmann gave the Male District Leader report. He stated that the Twon Meeting on N.Y.U.'s threatened eviction of tenants in N.Y.U. owned buildings on W. 3rd and Sullivan Streets will be held on February 9, 1983 at 7:30 at

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Our Lady of Pompeii Church, in the basement meeting room. Speakers will be the four Village elected officials or their representatives. Assemblyman William Passannante has already given notice that he will be at the meeting. There will be an organizing meeting on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M. People are needed to <sup>d</sup> all types of work for the meeting - phone calls, leafleting and being at the meeting.

Tony then discussed the prospective division of Assembly District parts. There will be a meeting of the New York County County Committee on March 10, 1983, wherein the County Committee will vote on the number of parts enclosed in each Assembly District. On March 17, 1983, there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee (District Leaders) of the County Committee, wherein a vote will be taken on the actual part lines.

There will be no more parts per Assembly District than exist at the present time. In the near future, Tony, Catherine, Meryl and Dan Roskoff will meet with people from D.I.D. (Downtown Independent Democrats) in order to discuss proposed division of the Assembly District and a report will be given to the Executive Committee for its approval.

Ilene Zucker asked a question with regard to vacancies in the County Committee in view of the fact that the Committee meeting on March 10th is the Committee elected in 1979. Tony stated that in order for vacancies to be approved what would be needed is a letter of resignation, proof that the person had moved or proof of death.

Tony asked that V.I.D. become a co-sponsor of the February 9th Town Meeting. This was unanimously approved. He then asked that V.I.D. provide for \$75 to help cover the expenses. This was approved with two abstentions.

The Chair announced that DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) had requested the use of V.I.D. for its February 9, 1983 membership meeting. This request was unanimously approved.

Catherine Abate gave the Female District Leader's report. She repeated Tony's request for help for the February 9th Town Meeting. She then reported on some of the proposals which the Cuomo Crime Task Force, on which she had sat, had made and how they related to the present crisis at Ossining Prison. Catherine repeated the announcement of the January 13th County Forum.

The Chair called upon Stephanie Rogall to give the Human Rights Committee report and Stephanie asked for another few minutes.

The Labor Committee's report was given by Bill van Felix. He began with a description of a Community Board 2 (CB2) meeting which he attended today. The issue involved is the proposal by the N.Y.C. Sanitation Department to condemn property owned by United Parcel Service (UPS) on Spring and West Street. Sanitation states that it wants to set up a repair depot and a storage facility for salt. Presently they have such a facility at Gransevoort Street, near the pier. The argument used by Sanitation is that Westway is a reality and thus, they will be pushed out within two years. The danger in Sanitation's plan is that it will help create unemployment within UPS.

The City Planning Commission is looking into the feasibility of other sites but Sanitation still wants to condemn the present UPS site. There already exists a problem with Sanitation in using the Spring Street site in that the ground can not withhold the weight of the trucks. The CB2 Committee voted the proposal down.

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The Human Rights Committee report was given by Stephanie Rogall. She began her report by thanking those people who had made donations for the Meals on Wheels-meals for the aged.

Stephanie then got into the main part of her report which was a status report on Intro I, the latest in the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill currently before the New York City Council. She asked that the Executive Committee give its approval for V.I.D. to become part of the Joint Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Rights. While no contribution was required, one would be appreciated.

Dave Comacho moved that we join the coalition and Norman Correnthal asked what other groups were in the Coalition. Stephanie replied that she was not sure but that she knew that unions and various gay and lesbian groups had joined. Arthur Strickler offered the information that most gay and lesbian groups had joined the coalition as well as NOW (National Organization for Women).

The Chair reiterated that V.I.D. had been asked to attend the Coalition's first press conference.

Chad Elson asked what was the purposes of the coalition. Stephanie explained that it was to get lesbian and gay people their rights. Chad asked to move the question and Norman Correnthal seconded. The question and the resolution was unanimously approved.

Stephanie went on to say that the composition of the present Council General Welfare Committee was not good and that V.I.D. was planning to do various things through our own political structure and that of N.D.C in order to put pressure on the Councilpeople.

The Community Affairs Committee report was given by Ilene Zucker. She announced that the next committee meeting would be on January 26, 1983 at 8 P.M. The agenda would revolve around what is our community doing for the homeless in our community.

The Political Outreach Committee ~~was given by~~ report was given by Carol Feinman. She announced that the next committee meeting would be on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M. The meeting would discuss various ways that we could work with other groups with the aim of extending our political agenda. One proposed area of work was that of Small Businesses and a speaker would be talking on that issue at the January 11th General Meeting.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Constitutional Revision Committee would be on February 17, 1983 at 8 P.M.

The Foreign Affairs and Peace Committee was given by Keith Crandell. He announced that on March 7th and 8th, 1983, there would be a Women and Work lobbying trip to Washington. He hoped that there would be a V.I.D. presence. Keith announced that the next committee meeting would be on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M. and would revolve around planning V.I.D.'s participation in a Statewide anti-nuclear referendum movement.

The Consumer Affairs Committee was given by Jim Briggs. He announced that the next meeting would be on January 25, 1983 at 8:30 P.M. Herman Gerson asked Jim what happened with the committee's price analyses. Jim stated that he would know at the January 11th General Meeting ~~whether~~ whether the analyses would be published.

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The Chair thanked the membership for their help to the Meals on Wheels program and to Stephanie for coordinating the effort. She also reiterated the need for us to get another space in that we will be losing our lease in August, 1983. She asked the Committee to look anywhere and everywhere and to relay all leads to Richard Kelmans, the Chair of the Search Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that V.I.D. was well represented at Mario Cuomo's Gubernatorial Inauguration and that the ceremony was emotional and sincere.

New Business was announced and Ilene Zucker asked whether Phil Schwartz would continue to chair the Tax Assistance Clinic. Stephanie Rogall informed the Committee that she would be the new chair and that she needed volunteers.

Dan Roskoff talked about Councilmember Thomas <sup>my leader of the Council</sup> Cuite. He stated that prior to the primary Mayor Edward I. Koch had campaigned for Cuite, urging the voters to re-elect Cuite because Cuite worked well with Koch. Cuite won by less than 400 votes, probably because of Koch's support. Cuite, by his recent appointments to the General Welfare Committee, has harmed the future of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill in 1983. This is the gratitude which Koch <sup>has</sup> given the Gay and Lesbian Community, many of whom used the excuse of the Gay Rights bill as a reason to support Koch. Dan reminded the Committee that many people have been saying that we should not constantly criticize the Mayor but that the Mayor has deserved criticism and that as long as Koch supports a Cuite he (Dan) will not abate his criticism.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. until January 24, 1983 at 7:30 P.M..

PEOPLE PRESENT AT THE JANUARY 10, 1983 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Meryl Berman, Richard F. Braun, Ilene Zucker, Jerry Goldfeder, Carol Feinman, John Mark, Anthony Hoffmann, Catherine Abate, Dan Roskoff, Lisa Briskman, Jim Briggs, Dave Comacho, John Colangelo, Norman Correnthal, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Herman Gerson, Neil Getnick, Mel Goodstein, John Howe, Rose James, Arlene Lowell, Harry Middendorf, Betsy Naylor, Liz Schollenberger, Ruth Sherlip, Bill van Felix, Amy Wyman.

PEOPLE ABSENT AT THE JANUARY 10, 1983 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Camille Abate, Betsy Bassan, Mary Bluzer, David Brownstein, John Cataldo, Ed Gold, Rick Hartzman, Star Sandow, Phil Schwartz, Arthur Stoliar, Clarence Thompson.

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The ~~me~~ following Executive Committee members were present: Meryl Berman, Richard F. Braun, Ilene Zucker, Jerry Goldfedder, John Colangelo, Carol Feinman, John Mark, Lisa Briskman, Camille Abate, Jim Briggs, Dave Camacho, Norman Correnthal, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Dianne Finn, Mel Goodstein, Rick Hartzman, John Howe, Rose James, Arlene Lowell, Nancy Miller, Betsy Naylor, Carol Novack, Stephanie Rogall, Barbara Schneider, Edward Schneider, Liz Scholenberger, Arthur Stoliar, Arthur Strickler, Bill van Felix. The following Executive Committee members were absent: Herman Gerson, Neil Getnick, Peter Melillo, Harry Middendorf, Ruth Sherlip, Amy Wyman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 by Meryl Berman, president of the Village Independent Democrats. (hereafter referred to as "the Chair").

The Chair announced that the February General Meeting would be soon and asked for dates. February 16, 1983 was proposed but was rejected in favor of February 15th because of February 16th being Ash Wednesday. The date for the February General Meeting was later changed back to February 16, 1983 because of assurances that having the meeting on that night would not be incongruous with the nature and/or purpose of Ash Wednesday.

The Chair discussed the proposed agenda for the February general meeting. There will be an election to fill two Executive Committee vacancies caused by the January election of Lisa Briskman and John Colangelo to Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Chair then discussed the possibility of throwing the February 16th meeting open to the committee chairs in order to further acquaint the Club's membership with the committee structure per se and the intricate and unique function of each committee. This was agreed to by the Executive Committee.

The Chair went on to discuss the possibility of the Club's endorsing candidates for the Party positions of Delegate and Alternate to the upcoming New York State Supreme Court Nominating Convention for the 1st Judicial District. The 61st Assembly District will be electing eleven delegates and eleven alternates this year, an increase of three. This increase is due to the overwhelming vote for Cuomo in the District at the November election and is basically due to our arduous work for the Democratic candidates.

Liz Scholenberger asked whether a provisional City employee could run for this position. The Chair responded that such people could so run.

Dave Camacho moved to hold the endorsements at the February general meeting and this motion was seconded by Arthur Strickler.

John Colangelo asked why were we holding these elections so early, in view of the fact that these positions are not voted for until the September primary. The Chair answered that it is necessary to hold the elections now because we will soon be entering into a series of club endorsements and it is better to separate this relatively non-political position.

The Chair asked that we endorse twenty two people altogether - eleven delegates and eleven alternates. These people will not all keep their status. The actual number of delegates and alternates which V.I.D. will get has not yet been decided upon; thus, the endorsement process will be preceded by a caveat that those people who are nominated for the bottom few delegate/alternate positions might not be keeping those positions. The bottom x number of delegates will become alternates and the bottom x number of alternates will unfortunately be denied the endorsement. This procedure was agreed to by the entire Executive Committee.

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The Chair announced that DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) had requested the use of the ~~Executive~~ V.I.D.'s mailing list for its annual fundraiser/dinner on March 25, 1983. Carol Feinman moved the support of the request and was seconded. No objection being heard, the request was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

The Chair stated that the physical plant of the V.I.D. had entered into a state of disrepair and requested that people come up to the Club on January 29, 1983 (Saturday) and help clean up our environment.

Tony Hoffmann, the Male District Leader for the 61st Assembly District, Part A, gave his report. He announced that February 9, 1983 will be the tonight for the town meeting on NYU's proposed eviction of tenants on West Third and Sullivan Streets. The forum will be at Our Lady of Pompei at the intersection of Bleecker and Carmine Streets. Tony asked the initiators of the forum and the leaders of this fight - Peter Gatto and John Mazzarella - to speak further on this matter. Peter Gatto stated that we have the elected officials on our side in this fight - State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, Assemblyman William F. Passannante, Councilwoman Carol Greitzer and Congressman Theodore Weiss. It is important that we distribute flyers announcing the town meeting and publicize it any way we can and that we all attend the February 9th forum.

John Mazzarella reiterated the need for a good showing at the forum.

Catherine Abate, the Female District Leader for the 61st Assembly District, Part A, stated that she had spoken earlier with Evelyn Paterson, NYU's community liaison. Ms. Patterson allegedly did not think that NYU would back down in this matter. The future meeting with elected officials is merely for public relations purposes; therefore, we need greater number of people attending the February 9th forum because it will be a genuine confrontation between NYU and the people.

Arthur Strickler emphasized the importance of media coverage and Peter Gato confirmed that the media will be there.

Tony Hoffmann repeated that V.I.D. must be there in force. There will be an operation to call the membership and notify them of this event and he asked all Committee members to sign up to volunteer.

Tony then talked about the emergency situation with regard to school funding. Unless monies can be found, there is an actual danger that 7,000 teachers will be laid off.

Keith Crandall gave the report of the Foreign Policy and Peace Committee. He announced the next meeting will probably be on February 22, 1983. ~~Next~~ The tentative agenda for the next meeting will be with regard to the following: how we can use the recently adopted Jobs for Peace resolution in order to help effect the outcome of the program; a proposed November referendum on Nuclear Freeze. Keith talked about the alleged division in the Peace Movement over the desirability of having such a referendum and called for V.I.D members to use our influence in order to gather support for the idea of the referendum.

Betsy Naylor gave the report of the Fundraising Committee. She began her report by discussing the February 11, 1983 party for Dan Roskoff, the past president of V.I.D. People are needed to help put together the party.

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Betsy then turned the report over to Dave Camocho who, along with Anita Kramer, is the co-chair of V.I.D.'s 1983 dinner. Dave stated that there was no word yet from Governor Cuomo's office with regard to our invitation to the Governor to be our speaker. March 25, 1983 is the likely date of the dinner. Les Mouche, where we have had our dinners in 1981 and 1982 has offered us a price of \$38 per head in exchange for relatively the same deal that we got last year. Dave announced that there will be a dinner meeting on Thursday, January 27, 1983.

The Chair thanked Dave and Anita for the great job that they have been doing so far and asked all members to get involved in arranging the dinner.

Dave asked anyone who knew of other places where we could hold the dinner to speak to him, Anita or Betsy.

Keith Crandall gave a supplemental Foreign Policy and Peace Committee report. He announced that Anne Orton was stepping down as co-chair of that committee in order to concentrate on her other activities in the pursuit of peace. He thanked Anne for the great job which she had done and welcomed the new co-chair - Mitch Reisman.

Keith announced that on March 7th and 8th there will be lobbying trips to Washington, D.C. with regard to Nuclear Freeze. All interested parties should see him or contact Anne Orton.

The Chair asked all committee chair to post tonight the night of their February meetings on the bulletin board in order that they appear in the agenda which would be mailed the next night, ~~February~~ <sup>January</sup> 25, 1983.

Ed Ortiz presented the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee. He stated the recommendations of the committee: The thirty day waiting period in the V.I.D. Constitution be amended to ninety days; a separate membership classification be constructed for the unemployed with a corresponding membership fee of \$7.50, the same amount charged to students and the elderly; and a direction to the Membership Committee to discuss and come to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to tighten up the language in the V.I.D. constitution with regard to the time period ~~px~~ between the time of joining and the time of voting, e.g. does this period include the date of joining and the meeting date if the latter falls on the 90th day or is it some combination thereof?.

The motion was moved and seconded.

~~Ms~~ Barbara Schneider spoke in favor of a geographical limitation, most preferably within the 61st Assembly District. She was answered in opposition by John Mark who defended the committee's proposals, based on equity and liberalism.

Ilene Zucker stated that people get involved in V.I.D. because they want to get involved in an active and thriving club.

Arthur Stoliar stated that anyone who wants to join V.I.D. in order to work within the Club should be welcome but that, if possible, there should be some prerequisite of activity.

Camille Abate argued that the proposal that residents of the Assembly District

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be allowed a shorter waiting period than non-residents would not prevent packing of the club for specific votes, the purpose for which the committee was established.

Rick Hartzman spoke in opposition to the committee's proposal. He stated that there was a need for activism in the club and a 90 day waiting period before a member was eligible to vote on both candidates and issues was too long a period of time, ~~far~~ especially for issue votes.

Catherine Abate argued that the 90 day waiting ~~day~~ period does not prevent new members from working in the club. She spoke against a geographical limitation, stating that the committee's recommendations would prevent a pack.

Liz Scholenberger spoke in favor of a geographic limitation, arguing that V.I.D. is a neighborhood club.

Dan Rokkoff spoke in favor of the committee's recommendations. He stated that the 90 day period would not restrict activism. Anyone who wanted to get involved in the workings of the Club could still do so. Dan then spoke in opposition of geographic restrictions. We need like minded people, no matter where they live.

Richard Kelmans stated that members should not have to wait 90 days to vote with regard to issues as distinguished from candidates. He also spoke in opposition to geographic limitations as being contradictory to our principles.

Tim James stated that the 90 day waiting period is too harsh and not necessary. He asked for a member of the Executive Committee to sponsor a motion of his to refer the whole question back to the Constitutional Revision Committee with instructions for the committee to study a geographic limitation, restricting ~~members~~ voting membership in V.I.D. to residents of the 61st Assembly District. Keith Crandall moved the resolution and Liz Scholenberger seconded.

Tony Hoffmann spoke against referring the matter back to the Constitutional Revision Committee. He stated that the committee had ~~gone~~ explored and debated the issue of geographic boundaries, the provision for which he had proposed. This involved heavy debate. The committee has made a recommendation, At this point, sending the question back to the committee is backward.

Keith Crandall began to argue the merits of the resolution which he had made, stating that there is a danger in people coming in from outside the 61st Assembly District.

At ~~that~~ point, Tony Hoffmann made a point of order, stating that the motion is to refer the question to the committee. The only thing on the floor is reasons why the Executive Committee should refer the question back to committee, not whether a geographic limitation is desirable.

Keith asked the Chair what motion is on the floor. The Chair rules to the motion now on the floor is whether or not ~~th~~ refer the question to committee. What was proposed and seconded was that the committee's recommendation be sent back.

Tim James raised a point of parliamentary inquiry as to whether the committee's recommendations were formally moved and seconded. The Chair asked the Recording Secretary this question and she responded that the committee's recommendations had been previously moved and seconded.

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At that point Keith Crandall withdrew his resolution.

The Chair asked Ed Ortiz to restate the motion and Ed restated the committee's recommendations.

Dianne Finn asked whether the 90 day waiting period included hand votes and was informed that it included such votes.

By a vote of 18-9 the question was called.

Jerry Goldfeder raised a point of order as to what were we voting on. He was informed that we were voting to change the waiting peiriod for voting from 30 days to 90 days.

By a vote of 15 to 6 with 3 abstentions, the recommendations of the Constitutional Revision Committee was placed on the agenda for the next two general meetings.

Ed Ortiz raised the second recommendation of the committee - establishing a third classification of \$7.50 members - the unemployed. Bill van Felix mated the motion and was seconded by Dave Camocho who spoke in favor of the motion. Several people then spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that it might result in people who can afford to pay \$15 come in for less merely because they were not working and how could we check out whether or not these people were telling the truth.

Carol Feinman spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that V.I.D. does not check out whether a person is what she or he states they are. We are not going to send out investigators to ascertain whether someone really is unemployed. If a person wants to be a schnorer, that person will have to answer to someone, be it that person's conscience or that person's makef in an afterlife.

Bill van Felix stated that we should enocourage the unemployed to join and become politically active.

Stephanie Rogall spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that what title one wants to put on oneself is an individual decisions. Unemployed should be self-determined like students or senior citizens. There is no need to put a stigma on it by calling the classification "economically disadvantaged". No one should have to plead for reduced rates, ~~THIS~~ is not the role of V.I.D. to play Gestapo.

Jeff Stonehill spoke in favor of the resolution and argued that it would not create any problems.

Ilene Zucker stated that the unemployed should not have a special "economic disadvantaged" membership. We don't aske seniors and students to show I.D.. There should be one class enveloping all groups.

Bill van Felix moved to call the question and was seconded. The question was called and the resolution was approved unanimously, sending the recommendation to the General Meeting.

Keith Crandall moved the resolution which he had priorly ~~w~~ithdrew. Tony Hoffmann raised a point of order and asked that once the Executive Committee

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passed the recommendations , there can't be further discussion until the next General Meeting.

Keith Crandall asked the Chair to rule on this question and the Chair ruled that Keith was out of order bringing the question up at the present time.

Carol Arber gave the report of the Judicial Reform Committee and announced that on February 23, 1983 there would be a forum at the V.I.D. on the question why there are not more openly Gay judges sitting on the New York bench. The next meeting of the committee will be on February 17, 1983.

Stephanie Rogall gave the report of the Human Rights Committee. She announced that the next meeting will be on February 10, 1983. She proposed a resolution on the question of the unemployed which passed the Executive Committee unanimously. Stephanie announced that at the next meeting, one of the subjects to be taken up was the decision by Huntigton, L.I. to refuse admission to a senior home to former mental patients.

Rick Braun made a resolution with regard to the third recommendation of the Constitutional Revision Committee to clear up the language with regard to the waiting period. To resolution would include the date of joining and exclude the date of the meeting.

The question was called and reread and passed overwhelmingly.

John Mark raised a point of order and asked what is the binding vote of the General Membership in amending the constitution, is it subject to review? The Chair replied that it will have a binding effect until the next amendment.

Camille Abate gave a report of the Campaign Committee and announced that the next meeting will be on February 17, 1983.

Bill van Felix gave the report of the Labor Committee and proposed a resolution on anti-union action by Columbia University. This was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Carol Feinman gave the report of the Political Outreach Committee . She stated that at the last meeting, the committee had agreed on several projects on which to work and to set up speakers from other groups to speak at Executive and General Meetings. The next committee meeting will be on February 22, 1983.

John Howe gave the report of the Newsletter Committee and stated that he would be contacting committee chairs soon to get reports from them for the next newsletter.

Rick Braun gave the report of the Housing Committee and announced that the next meeting would be on January 25, 1983.

Paul Samuels gave the report of the Criminal Justice Committee. He announced that he and Norman Correnthal, the co-chairs of the committee, were calling the first meeting for January 27, 1983 and asked for full participation from both lawyers and laypeople.

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Ilene Zucker gave the report of the Community Affairs Committee and announced that the next meeting would be on January 26, 1983

Jim Briggs and Arlene Lowell gave the report of the Consumer Affairs Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. The meeting was thus adjourned until February 7, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. at the Village Independent Democrats, 224 West 4th Street.

The following Executive Committee members were present at the meeting of February 7, 1983: Meryl Berman, Richard F. Bruan, Ilene Zucker, Jerry Goldfeder, John Colangelo, Carol Feinman, John Mark, Lisa Briskman, Camille Abate, Jim Briggs, Dave Camacho, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Dianne Finn, Herman X Gerson, Neil Getnick, John Howe, Rose James, Arlene Lowell, Peter Melillo, Harry Middendorf, Betsy Naylor, Stephanie Rogall, Barbara Schneider, Ed Schneider, Liz Scholenberger, Ruth Sherlip, Bill van Felix, Amy Wyman.

The following Executive Committee members were absent at the meeting of February 7, 1983: Norman Correnthal, Mel Goodstein, Rick Hartzman, Nancy Miller, Carol Novack, Arthur Stoliar, Arthur Strickler.

The meeting was called to order by Meryl Berman, President of The Village Independent Democrats (hereafter referred to as the Chair) at 7:55 P.M.

The Chair reiterated the contents of the night's earlier meeting of the Committee Chairs. Hereafter, an attempt will be made to have half the committees report on one Executive Committee night and the next half to report at the next meeting, subject to emergency situations where committees would have to report twice in a row. Committee meeting dates will have to be presented to the President by the 20th of the month in order to be reflected in the upcoming mailing. The same procedure follows for committee events such as forums. This is to prevent dual mailings and to save us money. Committee chairs, as well as Executive Committee members, will be called on a rotating basis to help with the mailing.

The first meeting of the Audit Committee will be after tonight's meeting. Marvin Moskowitz is the new chair and anyone who wants to help with the Committee's work should speak to him.

The Chair asked Executive Committee members who have duty night to call up the person who has the next night's duty responsibilities in order to notify her or him about ~~it~~ it.

The March calendar is being posted on the back board and all committee chairs should write in the dates for their March meetings. Keys to the club for Executive Committee members will be available tomorrow (February 8, 1983) and people in need can pick them up from the top left hand back drawer.

Lisa Briskman spoke with regard to the Workers' Defense Fund. This group monitors compliance with the Employees' Fair Labor Standard Act. She asked members to let this group know of noncompliance incidents as well as the use of V.I.D's mailing list. The use of our list was okayed by the Committee.

The Chair thanked Lisa and John Mark, the Club's corresponding secretaries, for their strenuous efforts in rescuing the mail from its being held by the U.S. Post Office for over one week.

Tony Hoffmann, the Male District Leader for the 61st Assembly District, Part A, gave his report. He began by announcing the town meeting on February 9th on the proposed NYU eviction of tenants on West 3rd and Sullivan streets. He asked people to call other members in order to ensure a big turnout. He thanked John Mazzarella and Peter Gato for their work in putting together the forum.

Tim James asked Tony what will be the format for the town meeting. Tony replied that the meeting concerned the eviction. NYU has refused to participate. Anyone is welcome to speak on NYU's behalf.

Tony said that on February 11th there would be a meeting with John Brademus, the president of NYU. This meeting was going to be between Brademus and Tony, Catherine Abate (the Female District Leader of the 61st Assembly District, Part A), Assemblyman William Passannate, Congressman Ted Weiss, Councilwoman Carol Greitzer and State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein. They are going to hear what Brademus has to say. This will

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be the first time that Brademus will have agreed to speak to anyone about this matter. Tony and Catherine will not accept the relocation of the tenants. We cannot afford to lose moderate income housing stock in the Village and South Village communities.

Peter Gato said that NYU's actions are part of a 20 year plan with moves from Mercer Street to West Broadway to Thrid and Sullivan Streets.

Tony announced an issue conference to be held on May 14th and 15th to be sponsored by the New York County Democratic County Committee. Twenty delegates will be representing each Assembly Districts. The 1981 Districts will be used; thus, we will be sharing our delegates with the Chelsea Reform Club. Most likely, we will get 2/3 of the delegates who will be going to the convention to take positions on all types of issues.

Bill van Felix spoke about the letter in the Villager from Robert Rygor and Rita Thompson, throwing down the gauntlet and formally challenging Tony and Catherine for the leadership. Bill said that this letter should be answered.

The Chair said that it will be responded to by friends in the community who will be expressing their appreciation of the work done by Tony and Catherine.

Jerry Goldfeder asked ~~the~~ the Chair to be more specific and the Chair replied that Andy Humm, Ilene Zucker (in her role as member of the Sheridan Square Block Association), will be answering the letter. In the end, however, Rygor is his own worst enemy.

Alicia Wilder said that there should be an official V.I.D. Response.

Carol Feinman disagreed that stated that there is no need for such a response. We are operating from a position of strength and do not need to defend ourselves. People know what we are doing for them and it is better letting the various community groups to respond. Anything we say would be self serving.

Catherine Abate reported on a meeting on Westway which was held between several of the anti-Westway District Leaders. There are efforts going on to make Cuomo change his mind about his support for Westway.

Catherine then reported on a meeting with Mona Motte from NAARAL. NAARAL is organizing ~~through~~ throughout the Village in getting people involved in pro-choice efforts and political campaigns.

Catherine announced that their will be a lobbying effort in Washington on March 7th and 8th to support a nuclear freeze. A meeting with Senator Moynihan will be held on March 8th. The round trip will cost \$25.

Carol Feinman asked what are the District Leaders doing, if anything, to fight against the proposed Cuomo layoffs of State Civil Service workers, particularly since Cuomo's victory was mainly due to labor's efforts. Catherine replied that the County's Labor Committee was working on this issue.

Betsy Naylor gave the Fundraising Committee's report and deferred to Dave Camacho, one of the two Dinner co-chairs. Dave announced that the Dinner will be on March 26, 1983 and will be held at One University Place. Norman Adler, the Labor leader, will be the guest speaker and Ted Weiss will be the honored guest. There will be a two tier system with tickets at \$60 and \$100 (later amended to \$60 and \$125). The breakdown of the dinner is as follows: \$30 for the dinner, \$5 for tax and tip and \$5 for mailing). This keeps the costs like last year. The payment to One University Place is as follows: \$500 two weeks before the dinner, \$1,000 one week before the dinner and \$3,000 the week after the dinner.

Ilene Zucker asked about an open bar and was told that there will be an open bar for one hour before dinner and after that hour there will be a cash bar. She then asked whether there will be flowers and decorations like last year. Dave said he did not know about that but that One University Place was filled with original art works around the room.

Bob Cohen asked whether One University Place ever had a big dinner before. Dave

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replied that they recently held a buffet for 1,500 people.

Stephanie Rogall asked what kind of table would be used - round one were better than banquet sized. The Chair replied that there probably would not be room for round tables.

Jerry Goldfeder reminded everyone what March 26th was International Womans' Day and that something should be done to work this into the evening.

Dan Roskoff called the question and Stephanie Rogall seconded. The Committee unanimously approved holding the dinner on March 26, 1983 at One University Place.

Dave Camacho moved that tickets be \$60 and \$100 for sponsors. This was seconded.

Jerry Goldfeder stated that sponsor tickets should be \$125.

Rick Braun stated that there should be a three tier system - \$30 or \$40 for club members with economic problems, \$60 for regular tickets and \$100 for sponsors. There are many members who are hurting economically and who cannot come to the dinner without help but do not want to ask.

Lisa Briskman spoke in favor of a three tier system, also mentioning the need for the dinner to be open to all members.

Dan Roskoff spoke in opposition to the three tier system, stating that the dinner is our one big moneymaking opportunity and that the club's policy has always been to allow those people who did not have money to come for less or to pay over a longer period of time.

Carol Feinman spoke in favor of a three tier system and in opposition to raising the sponsors' tickets to \$125. She said that a \$125 price would discourage club members from sponsoring.

Tony Hoffmann spoke in opposition of the three tier system, also stating the need for V.I.D. to make a lot of money on the dinner.

Ilene Zucker spoke in opposition to the three tier system, stating that last year there was no problem faced by people who needed a discount and there was no need to change our policy.

Stephanie Rogall also spoke in opposition to the three tier system, stating that V.I.D. has been good about helping out broke members. People can pay over a period of time. Private arrangements between the person and the Fundraising and Dinner Chairs are the best way to handle this. Stephanie also spoke in opposition to dropping the cost of sponsorship from \$125 to \$100, stating that people who would sponsor for \$100 would also sponsor for \$125, thus costing the club needless funds.

Jerry Goldfeder stated that having a separate club price listed on the invitation alienates non-club members, making them think that we do not welcome non V.I.D. members at the dinner.

Rick Braun made the aforementioned proposal into a substitute motion and Lisa Briskman seconded.

Camille Abate spoke in opposition to having the three prices listed on the invitation.

Rose James also spoke in opposition, contending that this would be asking people to admit to poverty. We should trust the Dinner Committee members.

Dan Roskoff called the question and was seconded by Stephanie Rogall

The substitute resolution moved by Rick Braun was defeated with five votes for and one abstention.

The discussion turned to the Dinner Committee's proposal to lower the sponsor rate from \$125 to \$100. John Colangelo spoke in opposition, stating that we need the extra money for moving.

Amy Wyman spoke in support of lowering the price to \$100.

Bill van Felix spoke in opposition to the \$100 sponsorship, stating that the hot shot politicians would pay the extra money.

Carol Feinman spoke in support of \$100 sponsorship, stating that there would be no heavy races this year, short of District Leaders; thus, we would not be getting the

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large number of people taking sponsorships, outside of V.I.D.

Jerry Goldfeder stated that the future Mayoral candidates would pay \$125.

Catherine Abate stated that last year 18 people sponsored the dinner. Most of these people were V.I.D. members, not politicians.

Carol Feinman called the question and was seconded by Stephanie Rogall.

The vote was 16 - 9-1 in favor of a \$60 and \$125 ticket range.

Stephanie Rogall gave the report of the Human Rights Committee. She stated that the V.I.D. would be joining with the Committee on Ethnic Americans in its criticism of Mayor Koch for his derogatory comments about the Chinese, Jewish and Black communities.

Tim James stated that we were distorting Koch's statements. The mayor was not making derogatory ethnic slurs but merely criticising individual cases of communities putting self-interest before the interests of the whole. He also criticised the Greenwich Village community for not having come forward and presented a site to the mayor for a shelter for the homeless.

Ilene Zucker corrected Tim and stated that Greenwich Village was one of the first communities that supported individual community shelter and has presented a site.

Carol Feinman stated that just as many people in V.I.D. had been accused of being kneejerk Koch attackers, so was Tim a kneejerk Koch defender. Koch's criticisms of the various ethnic communities were the words of a bigot and only fanned the flames of racism and anti-semitism.

John Mark stated that it should be admitted that Koch made an heinous mistake in his attack of ethnic and racial groups and of Asian-Americans.

Dan Roskoff stated that Koch flamed the flames of bigotry. Who is he to call a community selfish when in 1972 he supported the right of the Forest Hills white community to keep minority tenants out of their neighborhood.

Ilene Zucker called the question and was seconded by Tony Hoffmann. The vote was 13 - 1 in favor of the resolution.

Stephanie then stated that at the Thursday, February 10, 1983, Human Rights Committee meeting there would be a resolution presented, wherein V.I.D. would urge the New York Democratic County Committee to support Intro I (Gay Rights Council Bill) and urge Fred Samuels (Councilman and the Chair of the County Committee) to go on record as a sponsor of the bill. Stephanie asked the Executive Committee to give advance approval to the resolution.

Bill van Felix moved to support the resolution and was seconded by Carol Feinman. The vote was unanimously in favor of the future resolution.

John Howe gave the report of the Newsletter Committee and announced that committee chairs should give him their articles by February 14, 1983.

The Chair announced that February 21, 1983, an Executive Committee night, was the day on which we celebrate Washington's Birthday and, thus, she suggested that the meeting night be moved from February 21, 1983 to February 22, 1983, a Tuesday night. This proposal was unanimously agreed to and the next Executive Committee date will be February 22, 1983.

Ilene Zucker gave the report of the Community Affairs Committee. She proposed a resolution supporting the Caring Community in their eviction fight against New York City and their use of Food and Maritime High School, as well as reaffirming our commitment to the Caring Community and recognizing their added assistance to the Village Community. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Ilene then read a letter which the Community Affairs Committee had written to send to the Villager and to Mayor Koch on the responsibility of religious institutions and the City to shelter the homeless.

Herman Gerson spoke in favor of the letter.

Dianne Finn stated that the letter was much too weak. It is because of Koch's tax policies that we have such a severe homeless problem.

Bob Cohen stated that Koch is trying to deflect the issue. Koch fought Bob Hays in Hays' lawsuit against the City. Koch is fighting against the homeless even now. He is against having any shelter in the communities.

Ed Ortiz stated that the sheltering of the homeless is not solely the City's responsibility. If you drop it all on Koch you absolve the State and hurt the efforts being made in Congress to get Federal money for and from the States.

Dan Roskoff stated the the City's present policy is causing more and more homeless. The City has been fighting legitimate efforts to help the homeless. We should put in the letter a statement that we cannot afford not to do more to help the homeless.

Catherine Abate stated that we have to put in stronger language. Ilene and Meryl should get together to rewrite the letter and incorporate the ideas put in by various people tonight.

Ilene stated that the problem with the homeless did not start with the City though the City did exacerbate the situation.

Tony Hoffmann stated that he had attended the Community Affairs Committee meeting wherein the letter was written. What has come out ~~is~~ tonight are more comprehensive ideas. The basic idea of the letter and its basic writing are good. One particular point must be emphasized however, Koch's attacks on the religious community. Yes, religious groups have moral obligations to ~~the~~ protect the homeless but the City has a legal obligation. He moved that we accept the letter with Dianne Finn's clause. This was seconded by Chad Elson and was unanimously accepted.

Ilene added that wording should be added to the effect that the issue of the homeless is not only a City or State issue, the responsibility of the entire nation for country-wide homeless must be realized. This was unanimously approved.

Jim Briggs gave the report of the Consumer Affairs Committee. He presented the committee's recently done cost analysis study of the local grocery stores and a supermarket in Hoboken.

Herman Gerson suggested that Jim and Arlene Lowell attempt to put this story in the Villager.

Bill van Felix gave the report of the Labor Committee.

Carol Feinman gave the report of the Political Outreach Committee. She reported on a meeting which she and John Howe attended on February 4, 1983 at McKenna's bar with regard to the eviction proceedings against McKenna's. She stated that the major project taken on by her Committee during this year will be working with other Village groups to fight threatened displacement of small service-oriented businesses. A forum will be planned for the next or second next month to educate the community how the rampant rises in commercial rents are hurting the consumers. The next meeting of the Political Outreach Committee will be on February 24, 1983 at 7:30 P.M.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned until 7:30 on February 22, 1983.

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The Executive Committee was called to order by Meryl Berman, president of the Village Independent Democrats (hereafter referred to as "chair") at 7:55 P.M.

The Chair announced that many Executive Committee members were at City Hall, attending the hearings of the City Council's General Welfare Committee on Intro I, the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill. The Chair had just returned from the hearings where the opposition to the bill were crazier than usual. V.I.D. members who had or would speak are: Catherine Abate (the Female District Leader of the 61st Assembly District, Part A), Tony Hoffmann (the Male District Leader of the 61st Assembly District, Part A), Stephanie Rogall (Chair of the V.I.D.'s Human Rights Committee), Dan Roskoff (past president of V.I.D.), as well as the Chair. Most likely the bill would not pass the Committee would be attempted to later be discharged by the entire Council.

The Chair discussed the March, 1983 General Meeting which was agreed to be held on March 15, 1983. At that time, we would be electing delegates and alternate delegates to the New Democratic Coalition (NDC). There would also be a forum by the Community Affairs Committee.

Ilene Zucker (chair of the Community Affairs Committee) discussed the topic of the forum - proposed cuts in construction funds for voluntary hospitals. This recommendation is the result of the Hyman Commission Report which recommended a one year moratorium on construction. The rumor is that there is an agreement to a one year moratorium as a stalling maneuver. It is important that political organizations become aware of this issue in order to effectively lobby our officials. The forum will take the form of a debate between representatives of the Community Health Task Force and the Voluntary Hospital Organization.

Rick Braun announced that the Housing Committee was presently meeting in the back of the room.

Richard Kelmans reported on the search efforts for new club space. He announced that there is the possibility of a new place on Hudson Street. It costs \$1000 per month for 450 sq. feet with a storefront and a basement. The landlord wants us to move in fast. He stated that he, Tony and the Chair would look at the place on Saturday, February 26, 1983. The Chair thanked Richard for all the hard work which the Search Committee has done.

The Chair stated that Jobs for Peace (which we have joined) was requesting a donation of \$100. Camille Abate so moved and Bill van Felix and Dave Camacho seconded. The request was unanimously passed.

The Chair talked about the newsletter which John Howe, the Newsletter Chair, had just completed. She stated that it looked wonderful but asked committed chairs to observe deadlines in the future. She then thanked John Howe.

Camille Abate gave the report of the Campaign Committee. She announced that their Committee had met on February 17, 1983 and had discussed the upcoming School Board elections as well as updating the Election District boxes. There would be a candidates night sometime in late March, 1983.

There will be a Campaign Committee meeting on March 1, 1983 wherein a questionnaire for the School Board candidates would be drawn up as well as a beginning made on updating the ED boxes.

Camille then requested that the Executive Committee approve the expenditure of

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\$350 - \$400 for new index cards for the ED box (the Cards are from the Board of Elections and contain the name of the voter, the AD, ED, and address).

Ilene Zucker asked how up to date would the cards be.

Camille stated that the new cards would be available in April, 1983.

Klaus von Stutterheim stated that the money spent on the cards was money well spent.

Carol Feinman agreed with Klaus and stated that we need the cards now. If we wait until later, we will be involved in the races and will not have time to update the boxes. This was the case when we last bought the cards and those cards are now useless. It may be necessary for the ED captains to later go to the Board and update their own boxes.

Betsy Naylor stated that there was an advantage of having a card with a history on it. Do we have this with the new cards.

Camille answered that we have not used the cards over the last few years. It will be better to start fresh than to re-update the cards.

Dave Camacho moved to approve the expenditure of between \$350 and \$450 to buy new cards and was seconded by Carol Feinman. ~~XXXXXX~~

Ilene Zucker made a friendly amendment that Camille investigate if there is a reasonable cost to update the cards later. Dave and Carol both accepted the friendly amendment and it was incorporated into the motion and unanimously approved.

Camille reminded people of the March 1, 1983 meeting and stated that the meeting after that one will be on March 16, 1983.

Catherine Abate reported that the Spring Street UPS depot will not be condemned by the Sanitation Department as planned. The Department of Sanitation will be moving their plant to another place.

Catherine gave an update on Westway. On February 17, 1983 the District Leaders approved a resolution against Westway and asking Denny Farrell, the County Leader, to set up a taskforce on Westway.

Catherine talked about her testimony earlier in the day in favor of INTRO I. If the bill does not come out of the committee it might be able to come out of the Council through the discharge measure. Governor Cuomo, through Carl McCall, the Commissioner of Human Rights, also testified in favor of the bill.

Catherine is helping to organize a task force of gay and lesbian leaders to talk with Alice Daniels, Cuomo's counsel, and give input into an Executive Order against discrimination, based on sexual orientation.

On February 24, 1983 at 7:30 P.M., there will be a meeting against Westway at St. Joseph's Church.

Lisa Briskman, one of the Corresponding Secretaries, announced that the next mailing would be done on February 28th and March 1, 1983. She passed around a sheet of paper and asked people to indicate what night(s) they were available.

Dave Camacho, one of the Dinner co-chairs, announced that there would be a mailing for the Dinner on February 24, 1983 at 8 P.M. Whatever left over, would be done next Wednesday night (March 2, 1983).

The Chair announced that we would be using labels for the club mailing.

Betsy Naylor asked whether labels weren't tacky.

Nancy Miller, Carol Feinman and Klaus von Stutterheim all argued that labels were not tacky.

Ilene Zucker argued that labels were tacky.

The Chair stated that the labels were only for club members. Other envelopes would be hand addressed.

The Committee agreed to use labels.

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Dave stated that the mailing on Thursday would be as follows: from 8 - 9:30 P.M., Anita Kramer, the other Dinner co-chair, would be there. From 9:30 until closing, Dave would be at the club.

Bill van Felix gave the report of the Labor Committee. He announced that the Labor Committee had set up a reference library, tacked up on the left side of the room. The next meeting was on February 23, 1983 at 8 P.M. The Chair thanked Bill for the Labor Committee's previous resolution in support of a labor march on Washington. The resolution had been mentioned by Congressman Ted Weiss.

Ilene Zucker gave the report of the Community Affairs Committee and announced that the next meeting would be on February 24, 1983 at 8:30 P.M.

David Ball gave the report of the Voting Registration Committee. He stated that the Committee would begin registration at various political conferences. Two future places will be Columbia University and Greenwich House.

Carol Feinman gave the report of the the Political Outreach Committee. The next two meetings would be on February 24, 1983 and March 17, 1983. At the February 24th meeting, Michael Wright, the Director of the Small Business Task Force, would be speaking about our future forum on small business displacement in the Village. The March 17th meeting would further discuss the forum and would also discuss Ruth Messinger's Alternative Economic Agenda which Dianne Finn was working on. Dianne Finn spoke about the Agenda and stated that it was still in the process of being worked out.

The Committee turned to new business and the Chair announced three new committee chairs - Gina Shaumus of the Art Committee; Chad Elson of the Lobbying Committee and Rick Hartzman of the Environment Committee. These three were unanimously approved.

Rick

Rick Bruan presented two resolutions - one on Westbeth and another on fire escapes. Both resolution were passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. until March 7, 1983 at 7:30 P.M.

The following Executive Committee members were present at the February 22, 1983 meeting: Meryl Berman, Rick Braun, Ilene Zucker, John Colangelo, Carol Feinman, Lisa Briskman, Camille Abate, Tony Hoffmann, Catherine Abate, Jim Briggs, Dave Camacho, Dianne Finn, Mel Goodstein, John Howe, Harry Middendorf, Nancy Miller, Betsy Naylor, Carol Novack, Ed Schneider, Liz Scholenberger, Ruth Sherlip, Arthur Stoliar, Bill van Felix, Paul Samuels.

The following Executive Committee members were absent from the February 22, 1983 meeting: Harry Goldfeder, John Mark, Dan Roskoff, Norman Correnthal, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Peter Gato, Herman Gerson, Neil Getnick, Rick Hartzman, Rose James, Arlene Lowell, Peter Melillo, Stephanie Rogall, Barbara Schneider, Arthur Strickler, Amy Wyman.

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The following members of the Executive Committee were present at the March 7th meeting: Meryl Berman, Jerry Goldfeder, John Colangelo, Carol Feinman, John Mark, Lisa Briskman, Camille Abate, Anthony Hoffmann, Catherine Abate, Dan Roskoff, Jim Briggs, Dave Camacho, Norman Correnthal, Dianne Finn, Herman Gerson, Mel Foodstein, John Hower, Arlene Lowell, Peter Melillo, Harry Middendorf, Nancy Miller, Betsy Naylor, Carol Novack, Stephanie Rogall, Barbara Schneider, Ed Schneider, Bill van Felix, Amy Noel Wyman, Peter Gato, Paul Samuels.

The following members of the Executive Committee were absent at the March 7th meeting: Rick Braun, Ilene Zucker, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Neil Getnick, Rick Hartzman, Rose James, Liz Sholenberger, Rugh Sherlip, Arthur Stoliar, Arthur Strickler.

Rick Hartzman and Arthur Strickler who were marked absent for the February 22th meeting were changed to present because they had thought that the meeting was on February 21~~st~~ and showed up then.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by Meryl Berman, president of the Village Independent Democrats (hereafter referred to as the Chair).

The Chair asked for confirmation of Dean Corwin as co-chair of the Environment Committee, along with Rick Hartzman. Unanimous confirmation was so given.

The Chair then asked for approval of the expenditure of \$50 for the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) journal for their March 25, 1983 dinner. Again, the proposal was unanimously accepted.

The Chair moved on to a discussion of the April V.I.D. meeting. Because of the May 3d Community School Board elections, it will be necessary to have the meeting earlier. April 6th and 7th were proposed as possible dates and the Committee agreed to the General Meeting being on April 7, 1983.

There will be a forum on the School Board elections on March 23, 1983 along with a candidates night at that time and all people are urged to be present.

Tony Hoffmann and Catherine Abate, respectively the Male and Female District Leaders of the 61st Assembly District, Part A (B?).gave a joint District Leader report. Catherine Abate started off by informing the Committee that she had a slight case of laryngitis and asked people not to ask too many questions. She could, however, nod her head.

Tony Hoffmann started off his report by informing the Committee about the recent negotiations between V.I.D. And D.I.D. (Downtown Independent Democrats), the official club in the 61st Assembly District with regard to the splitting up of the District into two parts. The V.I.D. negotiating team consisted of: Tony, Catherine, Dan Roskoff, Meryl Berman and Jerry Goldfeder. The D.I.D. team constituted of: Kathryn Freed, Howard Hertzberg, (the other Male and Female District Leaders from the 61st Assembly District), Ned Scheier (the D.I.D. president) and Jim Stratton (D.I.D.'s Vice-president).

As the result of redistricting, we have lost a little part of the upper West-North Village to Chelsea (64th A.D.). This is the northern part of 12th through 14th Streets along Ninth to Twelfth Avenues and includes approximately 300 Democrats. However, we have gained much more territory than we have lost. We gained four E.D.s (Election Districts) in the North East such as the 19th E.D., including Bank St., Jane St., etc. These E.D.s had previously been Chelsea's part and they have many Democratic voters.

The final result is 70 E.D.s which are ours and 23 E.D.s which are D.I.D.'s.

The negotiations began by looking at the primary vote. D.I.D. had 21% of the E.D. vote and we had 79% of the vote.

D.I.D. asked us to cede the area which is the loft district - south of Canal Street.

At the present time there are 50 Democratic voters in that area, however, over the next few years, there is a projected ~~xxx~~ increase in voters to several hundred new people.

D.I.D. also requested that we cede the triangle north of Canal to Broome Street. This is the area containing the old Board of Elections building (80 Varick Street) which is now undergoing coop conversion.

Tony stated that the V.I.D. team believed that it was equitable to cede the area south of Canal Street to D.I.D. We do not service that area which is similar to D.I.D.'s other area (loft buildings). The V.I.D. team, however, rejected ceding any area north of Canal Street. This area is becoming heavily co-op which is the type of housing which we have along Broadway and Greenwich Streets.

Catherine stated that this area is the neighborhood containing the old printing buildings which are now being converted.

~~Peter Gato~~

Peter Gato asked whether it is in our advantage to give up the area south of Canal Street.

Catherine replied that we do not service that area now and there is very little which V.I.D. can do down there.

Stephanie Rogall moved the question pursuant to Tony and Catherine's requested cession and lack thereof and Dave Camacho seconded the question. Conversation with regard to this subject, however, continued.

Catherine stated that the negotiation team was concerned about the resident south of Canal Street. They are presently being serviced by D.I.D. which is a reform club. D.I.D. is concerned about the future construction of Battery Park City which, they believe will be populated by right-wing Republicans who can afford to pay the outrageous rents which are governmentally subsidized. D.I.D. will need to retain its loft tenants if it is to survive. This is a question of goodwill and cooperation between our two groups. We will not be jeopardizing our own future by ceding the area south of Canal Street; on the contrary, we will only be enhancing our reputation.

Herman Gerson asked whether if we agreed to Tony and Catherine's requests, would there be a battle at the County.

Tony responded that D.I.D. wants the area north of Canal Street to Broome Street.

Catherine supplemented that comment by stating that that's for D.I.D. to decide internally. D.I.D. might reach a compromise and not fight us in the County. If, however, they fight us in the County we will go to a no change position and not agree to any cession of territory. We had the area south of Canal Street prior to the 1982 redistricting which transformed us from the 64th A.D. to the 61st A.D. We will be keeping everything North of Canal Street.

Camille Abate asked how does this change effect our relationship with Community Planning Board 2 (CB2)?

Tony stated that CB2 only goes to Canal Street which is one reason why we agreed to give away the area south of Canal Street.

Camille again asked is there any other alterations which affects our relations/

Tony replied that the loss of upper North-West side has occurred but that there is nothing that we can do about that loss because it was the result of redistricting.

Tony request a three part motion:

1. cede the area south of Canal Street to D.I.D.
2. do not cede any area north of Canal Street to D.I.D.
3. In the event that this issue is referred to the County Executive Committee, all deals are off.

Jerry Goldfeder seconded the motion.

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Norman Correnthal called the question and Stephanie Rogall seconded the call. The motion passed with one objection.

~~Mary~~ The Chair then addressed the question of the breakdown of delegates and alternates to the N.Y.S. Supreme Court Democratic Nominating Convention. Pursuant to the Party Call, the 61st A.D. will have 11 delegates and 11 alternates. The Chair proposed that V.I.D. get 7 delegates and 7 alternates, an increase from last year's five delegates and four alternates.

Stephanie Rogall stated that four to D.I.D. is more than generous.

Jerry Goldfeder reminded the Committee of last year's arguments by D.I.D. and U.D.O (United Democratic Organization) that they needed more delegates in order to encourage workers and to obtain Asian-American candidates and what the final result was - the two D.I.D. District Leaders becoming delegates, no Asian delegates and one U.D.O. Asian alternate who replaced a V.I.D. Asian alternate.

Catherine Abate stated that we need a 7-4 split because of last year's precedent, wherein we provided to a 5-3 split for delegates and a 4-4 split for alternates.

Carol Feinman stated that a 7-4 split is equitable but that we are not bound by last year's split. That was made under the false ~~pretense~~ illusion that D.I.D. would truly look outside their leadership for candidates. We should send a message to D.I.D. that we expect them to comply with reform principles this year.

Tony went into the history of our prior splits with Chelsea during which we had always used a 50-50 split. Even though we are the strongest reform club in the City, we have an obligation to help build up the other reform clubs. This, of course, is dependent upon D.I.D.'s respecting the panel system. and supporting only those judges who come out of the panel.

Stephanie spoke in favor of a 8-3 split. To ~~compromise~~ a 10 year relationship with Chelsea with the beginning of a 10 year relationship with D.I.D. is unfair. We did not have many of the problems with Chelsea that we have had with D.I.D. She could agree to a 7-4 split if there's a stipulation that no one there runs as a judicial delegate or alternate if they are a District Leader; this will ensure the bringing in of new people.

Dave Camacho also spoke out in favor of a 8-3 split. D.I.D. has not used the judicial delegate/alternate process to bring in reform.

Dan Roskoff spoke in favor of a 7-4 split but agreed that we should not split with D.I.D. like we did with Chelsea. He suggested that we should suggest aht D.I.D. vote on delegates and alternates instead of having their Leaders pick the candidates.

Camille Abate spoke in opposition to making any suggestions to D.I.D. about how they pick their candidates. We run our club the way we want to with no outside suggestions and they should have the same right. We cannot dictate internal policy. She favored a 7-4 split.

Betsy Naylor agreed that we cannot meddle into other clubs business and supported a 7-~~5~~ split.

Herman Gerson stated that we should deal with D.I.D. as long as they support the panel system.

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Carol Feinman stated that any suggestion we might make to D.I.D. is not meddling. On the contrary, we do not have to share any delegates and/or alternates with any other club. If we wanted to run 11 delegates and/or alternates and we ran the same type of campaign that we have done in previous years, we would win all of the slots. Thus, we are being damn decent by giving D.I.D. any slots. What we are doing is endorsing D.I.D.'s candidates and agreeing that they will be appearing on the ballots, palmcards and literature with us. As a result, we have a right and an obligation to be concerned about how they are selected.

Jerry Goldfeder stated that we should not even intimate how other clubs should run their business.

John Mark stated that he did not trust D.I.D. We must ensure that one delegate will go to an Asian-American group.

Peter Melillo stated that there are a lot of problems with a 7-4 split; if we go to an 8-3 split, we might open up a dialogue with D.I.D. This could be a bargaining possibility.

Nancy Miller stated that based on last year's agreement, we have no choice but to approve a 7-4 split.

Stephanie Rogall stated that she agreed with Carol Feinman that suggesting alternatives to D.I.D. is not meddling. We are all bound to campaign for the entire slate. For us to state who we want to campaign for is not unreasonable. If we give a lot up now, we will not have any bargaining points later.

Dan Roskoff stated that at least Chelsea elected their delegates and alternates. D.I.D. is not Chelsea. We are at the start of a ten year relationship and we should do our part to export reform. We should say that we want to run on a slate with delegates and alternates elected by the club, not selected by a small number of people.

Tony Hoffmann moved that we accept a 7-4 split. This was seconded. Tony then spoke in favor of his motion. He stated that a 7-4 split is reasonable. Both D.I.D. and V.I.D. have imperfections.

John Mark made a friendly amendment as follows:

1. one delegate goes to Chinatown.
2. delegates and alternates are elected not selected.

Jerry Goldfeder made a point of information and asked whether Chinatown is U.D.O or AAFE (Asian-Americans for Equality).

Tony did not accept the friendly amendment.

John then made his amendment into a substitute motion.

Herman Gerson asked how can we predict who they will elect.

John explained that this is a 7-3-1 tripartite motion.

Bill van Felix asked whether D.I.D. divided its delegates with Chinatown last year. The Chair responded that they did divide, though we might not be satisfied with the result.

Jerry asked John what he meant by "Chinatown Organization"?

John explained that he meant a democratic organization in Chinatown

The Chair asked John whether he was saying that we control this Chinatown delegate.

John said no. As long as an Asian-American gets it.

Dave Camacho spoke in opposition to John's proposal. We cannot dictate to Chinatown who will get a delegate. It is equally practically ridiculous to say that there's only.

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one group there. Also, much of Chinatown is in another Assembly District (62nd).

Dan Roskoff stated that Chinatown, as always, got screwed with redistricting. It got split into two Assembly Districts (61st and 62nd). Most of Chinatown are in the 62nd A.D. (Sheldon Silver's district). Only a small portion is in our district. The Federal judge who finally approved the redistricting lines held Chinatown in abeyance. This matter is still before the Dept. of Justice, fighting to get Chinatown in one Assembly District.

John Mark reiterated that we do not have to accept D.I.D.'s conditions. We have to support the entire slate. A 7-3-1 split is fair.

Dianne Finn raised a point of information and asked ~~how~~ whether the delegates were determined on a numerical basis.

The Chair replied that they were so chosen.

Dan Roskoff made a second substitute motion that we accept a 7-4 split but we ask D.I.D. to elect delegates and alternates. The motion was seconded.

Tony Hoffmann spoke against Dan's resolution. It would be a slap in face to D.I.D.

Camille Abate asked that if D.I.D. is not reform why do we bother with them at all.?

Jerry Goldfeder moved to separate the motion into two parts:

1. number of delegates and alternates.
2. issue of what we say to D.I.D.

Herman Gerson called the question on Dan's substitute and was seconded.

John Mark raised a point of information. If Dan's vote came up to be the number, does that kill Tony's resolution.

~~XXXX~~ The Chair replied that the numbers involved in Dan's and Tony's resolutions were the same; on the contrary, it would kill John's resolution.

Jerry stated that procedurally we should first deal with issues of how to deal with DID's procedures.

The motion was overwhelmingly split with one against.

Dan Roskoff stated that we are sharing a slate with another group. We believe in reform principles and we should ask the other club to adhere to the same principles.

Catherine Abate stated that we should place things in an historical perspective. We never dictated Chelsea's policies to them. There is no club in the entire County that is as reform as our own. DID is fighting for reform principles - women, minority, anti-gentrification, pro-tenant. It is arrogant and self-righteous to tell D.I.D. how to run their club. We are mandating that they support panel candidates; that is enough.

John Colangelo asked whether ~~xxxx~~ we are going to suggest to D.I.D. or are we going to tell D.I.D. no deal if they do not adhere to our suggestions.

Dan replied that we would ask D.I.D. to adhere to our principles but if they do not do so we can renegotiate the entire deal over.

Ed Schneider stated that until we have exhausted negotiating, we should be careful to avoid making any inflexible decisions. Look not to any one criteria by which we judge D.I.D. We have to consider all criteria. If we're dealing with a club that is generally sympathetic with us, we should go ahead and run with them.

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Tony Hoffmann agreed with Dan Roskoff's most recently expressed opinions with regard to the advisability of a club's voiting in its delegate/alternate candidates; however, we should not take an official position. Instead, we should instruct, Meryl Berman, our intelligent and highly competent president (the Chair) to express to Ned Schneier the proceedings of this meeting and the sentiments expressed herein.

The Chair stated that we can not to BID and tell them what we want them to do.

Bob Cohen stated that we should be strong with DID but to leave the matter to the Chair and the District Leaders.

Dan Roskoff withdrew his motion, leaving the two other motions - tripartite 7-3-1 motion - and Tony's straight 7-4 motion - before the Committee.

John Mark ~~stax~~ volunteered to withdraw his motion if the Chair would negotiate with DID and someone from the Chinatown political community. This was agreed to and John withdrew his motion.

Stephanie Rogall then made a substitute motion to Tony's motion. This motion would make a request to DID that they elect their delegates and alternates. This would be a formal request. The motion was seconded by Carol Feinman and Jim Briggs.

Jim Briggs made a friendly amendment to the substitute motion that we merely express our unhappiness with DID's prior actions. This was not agreed to by Stephanie.

Betsy Naylor opposed the substitute motion and stated that it is DID's business how they elect or select their delegates/alternates.

Ed Ortiz supported Jim Brigg's suggestion. Otherwise, we would be setting a precedent in interfering in other clubs' businesses and allowing other clubs to interfere in ours.

Dave Camacho supported the substitute motion, stating that we are running with them and therefore we have a right to request how they select their delegates.

Tony Hoffmann called the question and was seconded in his call. The question was overwhelmingly called by the Committee.

The first question called was Stephanie Rogall's substitute resolution. This resolution was defeated by a vote of 10-15-1.

Jerry Goldfeder moved to amend Tony's resolution by calling for a split of 8 delegates/alternates for us and 3 delegates/alternates to DID and/or Chinatown. The motion was seconded and the question was called.

The motion to have a 8-3 split was defeated by a vote of 10 - 14 - 2.

Bill van Felix moved to ~~sable~~ the question and was seconded by John Mark. The question was called and defeated by a vote of 10 - 15 - 0.

The Committee voted on a passed Tony's motion (7-4 split) by a vote of 18 - 7 - 3.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ As the result of this resolution, the following people will be supported for candidates to delegate to the NYS Supreme Court Democratic Nomination Convention: Dan Roskoff, Camille Abate, Carol Feinman, Stephanie Rogall, John Colangelo, Klaus von Stuterheim, Betsy Naylor.

The following people will be supported as candidates for alternate judicial delegates to the NYS Supreme Court Democratic Nominating Convention:

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Rosalind Lichter, Bill van Felix, Chad Elson, Neil Getnick, Rick Hartzman, Mel Goodstein, Carol Novack.

Dave Camacho gave the report of the Fundraising Committee with regard to the upcoming March 26, 1983 V.I.D. Dinner. He asked Committee members to buy and encourage other people to buy tickets. He also thanked everyone who helped to send out the invitations. The Chair thanked Dave, Anita Kramer (his Dinner co-chair) and Betsy Naylor (the Fundrasing Committee Chair) for their work on the Dinner and repeated the request that everyone come to the dinner.

David Ball gave the report of the Voting Registration Committee. He asked people to volunteer to register prospective voters at the upcoming March 12, 1983 Reaganomics v. Womanomics Conference- two people were needed. After a long silence, Meryl Berman, Camille Abate and Ed Ortiz volunteered. Dave thanked them and expressed a hope that in the future more people would be more ready to volunteer.

Carol Feinman gave the report of the Political Outreach Committee. She informed the Committee that the next meeting would be March 17, 1983 at 8 P.M. That meeting would discuss two subjects: planning for an early May 1983 community forum on small business displacement and hearing from Dianne Finn about Ruth Messinger's proposed alternative economic agenda.

Carol Feinman then gave the report of the Judicial Reform Committee in the absence of Carol Arber, the committee's chair. She presented a resolution ~~on~~ calling for the appointment of openly gay and lesbian attorneys to the bench which had been passed at the recent Judicial Reform Committee's forum on that subject. The resolution was read and moved by Carol Feinman and was seconded and the question was called by Stephanie Rogall. The resolution was overwhelmingly passed with one abstention.

Camille Abate gave the report of the Campaign Committee and announced two upcoming meetings: an updating of the Election District (E.D.) boxes on March 10, 1983 and a meeting of the Campaign Committee, concentrating on the upcoming Community School Board Elections, on March 16, 1983.

Stephanie Rogall gave the report of the Human Rights Committee. She asked people to call various Councilpeople and urge them to vote for discharge of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill at the March 8, 1983 City Council meeting. Particular members are: Fred Samuel (663-2822); Salvatore Albanese (748-4722); Joseph Lisa (271-1986); Brisilla Wooten (566-8259); Fernando Ferrar; Wendall Foster; Raphael Colon; Sheldon Lefler and Herbrt Berman.

There will be a picket line in support of the Bill at City Hall on the 8th and at 8 P.M. on March 8th there will be a rally at V.I.D.

Norman Correnthal and Paul Samuels gave the report of the Crimainal Justice Committee. They announced that a proposal had been written up to be used as a position paper for the upcoming N.Y. County Committee Issue Conference and they asked for input from the Executive Committee. Paul Samuels also announced that the committee would be sponsoring an upcoming confernce on alternative to incarceration and asked for input on that also.

A motion was made to adjourn and the Executive Committee was adjourned until ~~at~~ 7:30 P.M. on March 21, 1983 at the V.I.D., 224 W. 4 St., N.Y., N.Y. 10014.