

LLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRAT
224 West 4th Street
CH3-6555

General Membership Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 1983

Agenda:

1. Reports of President and District Leaders
2. Guest Speaker: Tom Deluca on Jobs for Peace
New York Mobilization for Survival
3. Election: State Committeeman
4. Election: VID Officers -- Treasurer
Recording Secretary
2 Corresponding Secretaries
5. Election: 15 Executive Committee members
6. Committee Reports
7. New Business (unless of an emergency nature, all new business must first go to the Executive Committee)

Executive Committee Meetings

All VID members are urged to attend and participate in Executive Committee meetings, held every other Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Exec. Comm. dates: Dec. 27, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| 12/27 | Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/6 | Human Rights Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/10 | Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/11 | General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/13 | Environment Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Fundraising Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Judicial Reform Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/17 | Constitution Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/18 | Political Outreach Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/19 | Labor Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/24 | Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/25 | Housing Committee, 8:00 p.m. |
| 1/26 | City-wide Speak-Out, Small Business Task Force
Borough Hall, Queens 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| 2/7 | Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m. |
- All other meetings will be announced at the gen'l membership meeting --
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President's Note

Mario Cuomo has stated that he wishes to be the governor of all the people, not just some. It is my hope to be the president of all the club membership, not just some. Together, we will continue to speak out, shout out, march and strike, to show that our constituencies cannot be ignored. We shall move towards this goal by way of coalition politics, an electoral alliance with other progressive, creative, political and community forces. This means day-to-day work in the club and the community. Please participate. Suggestions are sought. Already an Arts and a Lobbying Committee have been formed. A contagion of enthusiasm, passion with organization, is needed on the local level to fund human needs.

The VID's power and courage to effect change must come from its most valuable resource -- You. I hope all enjoy the holiday season before becoming even more active members in a new political year.

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The meeting was gavelled to order by Meryl Berman, president of the Village Independent Democrats (hereafter referred to as "the Chair").

Anthony Hoffmann, the Male District Leader from the 61st Assembly District, Part A, gave his report. He announced that on February 9, 1983, the V.I.D. will be co-sponsoring a forum with the South Village Community on New York University's planned eviction of residents of West Third and Sullivan Streets. The forum would take the part of a Town Meeting and would be at 7:30 P.M. at Lady of Pompeii Church on Carmine and Bleecker Streets.

On January 13, 1983, the Manhattan County Committee will be sponsoring a forum on Gentrification and New York City with Dr. Kenneth Clark and Prof. Herbert Bienstock. The forum will be at the 60 East Club, the 27th Floor of 60 East 42nd Street between 6-8 P.M.

1983 will be the year that the Assembly Districts will be divided into leadership parts. This will be done in conjunction with the District Leaders and the County Leader. Preliminary meetings will be held with Downton Independent Democrats (D.I.D.) and V.I.D. will be represented by Tony, Catherine Abate (the Female District Leader from the 61st A.D., Part A), Meryl, and Dan Roskoff (the former V.I.D. president).

The Chair announced Councilwoman Carol Greitzer. The Councilwoman spoke on the workings of the New York City Council. She reported on the Council committee selections which had been made the last week. She and Councilman Henry Stern met with Cuite (the majority leader). The Manhattan Council delegation spoke with Cuite on January 5, 1983 and were told that there were no extra Committee chairs for any of the Manhattan members. There were already two Manhattan Chairs - Carol Greitzer, chair of the Consumer Affairs Comm., and Fred Samuels, chair of the Public Safety Committee. The delegation told Cuite that Councilperson Miriam Friedlander had to get a chair. Cuite told them that this might be able to be done within the next few months by creating a new committee such as in the area of senior citizens.

Councilmember Greitzer then spoke about the composition of the new General Welfare Committee which will pass on the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill but which is filled with homophobes. She agreed that the committee is not good for the vote county. The only thing to do will be for the committee to start the bill on its own and bring it up on the floor through discharge.

Councilmember Greitzer Discussed the bills which she had introduced or was planning to introduce. The first bill is to require that a 60 day notice be given by a business planning to close its premises ~~and~~ move out of New York City. Such notice would have to be given to New York City and to the employees and/or the union. This gives time for all sides to bargain. Philadelphia has this law and it has helped to preserve businesses.

A second proposal is to have a one year after the fact reconsideration of the smoke detector bill in view of the problems which have revolved around that detectors.

A third proposal is to require the licensing of bicycles used for commercial purposes. This would be a first step toward licensing of all bicycles.

Camille Abate asked the Councilmember why did you vote for Cuite, knowing the type of committee he would form?

The Councilmember responded 1) no one was running against Cuite and 2) the fact that the Manhattan delegation voted for him will help in the creation of another committee chairpersonship for Miriam Friedlander.

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Andy Humm asked the Councilmember whether she would ask Cuite whether he would let the Gay and Lesbian Rights bill come to the floor. The Councilmember stated that she would do so at the appropriate time.

Allen Roskoff stated that since Carol Greitzer represents Greenwich Village, which has the largest Gay and Lesbian community in New York City, why did she give Cuite approval by voting for him and why did she vote for the composition of the General Welfare Committee and what is she doing about passing the Gay and Lesbian Rights bill?

Greitzer stated that once the Manhattan delegation got the commitment for a new committee, that was its prime consideration. She will speak to those members on the fence with regard to Intro I. She asked V.I.D. non-Manhattan members to speak to their own representatives. It is important for Council members to hear from their constituents.

Keith Crandall asked who should people speak to?

Greitzer said that everyone should be spoken to, no matter how pro-bill they are. It is important that they hear from their own constituents.

The Chair stated that V.I.D. is everywhere and we will keep in close touch with you on the matter of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill. There will be a resolution later asking V.I.D. to join a coalition of Gay and Lesbian groups supporting the bill and Stephanie Rogall has been spearheading this movement in the club.

The next speaker was Tom DeLuca from the New York Mobilization for Survival who was speaking on the Jobs for Peace movement. He stated that over the next six years the U.S. will spend \$1.6 trillion for the military. Jobs are needed to get people to the polls. With unemployment at 11% and with the June 12th rally drawing one million people, the time has come for jobs for peace. There was an enormous labor presence at the June 12th rally. There is also movement on the part of the AFL-CIO leadership on the part of peace. If we had a freeze we could save \$6 billion in the next year and put vital social services back into the economy. The policy of the freeze movement is not enough. Economic connections must be there.

What is a peacetime economy and what does it mean? 53 members of Congress have initiated a jobs for peace resolution before Congress, similar to the one Councilman Ed Wallace has introduced before the City Council. It calls for Congress to urge that money be redirected from the military to jobs. It calls on Congress to declare April 10-16 Jobs with Peace Week. There will be a national series of coordinated events. In New York City there will be an attempt to get introduced into the city Schools a curriculum for jobs for peace. There will be a Jobs with Peace budget for New York City which would address the question - what would it mean in terms of concrete social programs and services? Various groups will be asked to participate in educational events. On April 16th there will be a city-wide convention of community and other groups interested in peace and social justice. Hopefully this will generate ideas in the media that peace movement is just beginning. It will help to build a national base.

There is concrete evidence that jobs with peace is being developed and people are excited about it - E.G. referendum passed in San Diego with 62% of the people voting for jobs for peace. The same in Baltimore, Atlanta, Milwaukee. In the blue collar neighborhood the jobs with peace referendum carried more than did the freeze referendum.

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Tom DeLuca asked for V.I.D.'s support of the movement. Help will be needed to get sponsors in the Council for the resolution. Contact Ed Wallace. There will be a jobs for peace conference in Atlanta in two weeks.

Tom stated that a petition was being passed around in support of jobs for peace and he asked all people to sign.

The Chair called on Keith Crandall, co-chair of the Foreign Relations and Peace Committee to read the resolution which had been written by Jerry Goldfeder and which had passed the January 10, 1983 Executive Committee. Keith read the resolution, see annexed copy. Nathan Riley seconded the motion and the resolution going on record in support of the jobs for freeze movement passed unanimously.

The Chair thanked Tom DeLuca and stated that V.I.D. looked forward to working with Jobs for Peace.

Keith continued with his committee report. The next meeting will be on January 18, 1983 at 8 P.M. At that time the committee will take up implementation of the resolution. There will be a discussion of other plans as well such as the planned March 7&8 lobbying march on Washington on behalf of the freeze and the New York State referendum on the freeze issue and how we can help get it on the ballot.

The Chair thanked both Keith and Jerry.

The Chair introduced Councilperson Miriam Friedlander who gave her report. She stated that most Council work is done in committee. While she has not gotten a committee up to now she created a subcommittee on the Status of Women which is actually a full committee but no lulu. This time she and Bobby Steingut were left with no committee but with committee eligible seniority. Committees, however, are almost given to members who will ~~not~~ push the Mayor's bills through. Miriam praised the Manhattan delegation for holding together in pushing for her. They met with Cuite and he told them that Miriam will have a committee within a two month period. This was a victory for reform politics. Councilperson Friedlander stated that she has been getting calls about the animal bill. This will fight landlords who are evicting tenants from having pets. She has also been getting calls about four other issues - 1. J-51 which legislation will be presented to restore the program to its original purpose and not for luxury housing; 2) The Gay and Lesbian Rights Bills which is the number 1 priority; 3) Small Business Task Force. This will ~~initiate~~ initiate some kind of commercial rent ceiling; 4) Budget question, jobs in general and in the City government. We cannot afford a decrease in the city services. We must make an impression on City Hall.

The Chair ~~that we would now proceed~~ to the endorsement for State Committeeman for the 61st Assembly District.

Tony Hoffmann nominated Jerry Goldfeder.

Florence van Felix nominated Bill van Felix.

The Chair explained the procedure. There was a need to endorse a State Committeeman because Phil Schwartz, the elected State Committeeman, had move to New Jersey and was unable pursuant to the Election Law, to remain as State Committeeperson. The endorsed candidate would be recommended by Tony and Catherine Abate for the Manhattan Leader, Denny Farrell, who would recommend the person to the State Committee for election.

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Bill van Felix won the coinflip and spoke first. He began his speech by stating that the percentage of voters has declined from the late 1990's to the present time. The reason is a lack of issue oriented elections. The present leaders of the political parties have not seen~~fix~~ that the American people are concerned about nor have they put up responsive candidates.

Among the non-voters are poor people. We, in V.I.D, often talk about coalitions and reach out and we must open up the Democratic party to new ideas - peace, disarmament, jobs, civil liberties, etc. The party which wants to get involved must go out to the streets and reach out.

More important is that when you want to set up a coalition you must give them some say in the program you want them to vote for. Labor deserves this input.

Bill stated that he would like to be the State Committeeman because there, issues are decided which are controversial and make a difference.

Bill told us about himself - activist, record for 50 years, 1930s student leader, fought in Spain, worked as a trade unionist, delegate to DC65-national and local officer, active member of V.I.D. and delegate to New Democratic Coalition. (NDC)

Bill stated that he wants labor to have a voice in the Committee. Jerry Goldfeder has told him that he will represent labor at the Committee; thus, Bill dropped out in favor of Jerry Goldfeder.

A move was made for one unanimous ballot but this was objected to; thus, a vote was called for.

Jerry Goldfeder arose to spoke and thanked Bill van Felix for stepping aside in favor of Jerry. He pledged that he will be a forceful voice for labor. Jerry explained that the State Committee, among other things, endorses state-wide candidates. This ~~the~~ year, it will be involved in formulating rules for the selection of delegates to the 1984 Presidential Nominating Convention. The Committee selects 15% of the New York State delegation. It is important that all our constituencæes - women, minorities, gay and lesbians, unions, etc. be represented. It is important that openly gay and lesbian representatives are sent to the Convention.

Jerry addressed himself to the various groups within V.I.D. He reassured both the supporters of Barbaro and Cuomo and the supporters of Koch that he would be responsive to all their needs.

While waiting for the State Committee ballots to be counted, the ~~other~~ Officer positions were voted on. Tony Hoffmann nominated John Colangelo for the position of treasurer. John Mark moved to close nominations and Stephanie Rogall moved that one unanimous vote be cast for John Colangelo. No objections were made and John Colangelo was elected as treasurer of the Village Independent Democrats. The Chair congratulated John and wished him well in his new position.

Nominations were taken for the position of recording secretary and Dan Roskoff and David Comacho nominated Carol Feinman~~xxxxxxx~~ for that position. Stephanie Rogall moved both to close nominations and to cast one unanimous vote on behalf of Carol Feinman. No objections being made, Carol Feinman was elected to the position of Recording secretary of the Village Independent Democrats. The Chair congratulated Carol Feinman on being elected to a full term and on continuing to do a great job which is very much appreciated by all.

Nominations were taken for the positions of corresponding secretaries. John Mark and Lisa Briskman were nominated that these positions. Stephanie Rogall moved both to close nominations and to cast one unanimous vote on behlf of John Mark and Lisa Briskman. No objections being made, John and Lisa were

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elected to the two positions of corresponding secretaries of the Village Independent Democrats.

The Chair congratulated both John and Lisa on their election.

The balloting for the endorsement for Male State Committeeperson was completed and the Chair read the results: Jerry Goldfeder - 112

Bill van Felix - 6

No endorsement - 5

The Chair announced that the Village Independent Democrats had endorsed Jerry Goldfeder to be elected by the New York State Committee (Democrats) to be the interim State Committeeman for the 61st Assembly District in the absence of Phil Schwartz.

Nominations were taken for at-large members of the Executive Committee and the following people were nominated: Peter Melillo, Nancy Miller, Edward Schneider, Keith Crandall, Chad Elson, Liz Schollenberg, Arthur Stoliar, Arthur Strickler, Harry Middendorf, Stephanie Rogall, Carol Novack, Dianne Finn, Barbara Schneider, Betsy Naylor and Bill van Felix.

Camille Abate moved both that nominations be closed and that one unanimous vote be cast for the forementioned fifteen candidates. No objections being made, one unanimous ballot was cast for the above fifteen people.

The Environment Committee's was given by Neil Getnick. He announced that the next committee meeting was going to be at 8 P.M. on Thursday, January 13, 1983. The topic of conversation at the meeting was going to be the committee's plans with regard the Indian Point Reactor, on which Rick Hartzman had done a lot of work.

The Housing Committee report was given by Rick Braun. He introduced Councilperson Ruth Messinger who was to speak on J-51 housing program. She began by stating that the single largest growing item in the New York City budget is tax giveaways. Tax giveaways should only be allowed for a public policy benefit that can not be taxally achieved. The abuse of the J-51 program that we are concerned with is an abuse of public policy rules. By and large the law does not discriminate about where ~~ix~~ the benefits are given or concerned what type of housing is lost because of renovation and its byproduct, gentrification. Councilperson Messinger continued with a discussion of the J-51 programs and her proposals for its improvements.

Questions were taken from the audience and Mel Goodstein asked whether the law should ^{not} exist below 96st Street. Councilmember Messinger replied that she did not approve of geographical restrictions. This only sets up housing ghetoos. She supported the use of a numerical formula.

Rick Braun then read the proposed resolution of the J-51 program which had been passed by the Executive Committee, see annexed copy. The resolution was unanimously passed.

The Chair introduced Michael Wright who represented the Small Business Task Force. His speaking was sponsored by the Legislative and Political Outreach Committees. Michael spoke on the need for commercial rent control. He thanked V.I.D. for being

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a co-sponsor of the Small Business Task Force. He also announced a speakout in Queens on January 26, 1983 with regard to commercial rent control.

The Human Rights Committee ~~was~~ report was given by Stephanie Rogall. She began her report by announcing that over \$500 has already been collected by V.I.D for Meals on Wheels.

Stephanie introduced ~~the~~ Andy Humm, spokesperson for the Joint Coalition on Lesbian and Gay Rights, which V.I.D. became a member of at the December 27, 1982 Executive Committee meeting. Andy talked about the strategy for Intro. I, This year's City Council resolution for rights for Gays and Lesbians. He stated that because of the composition of the General Welfare Council committee passage by the Committee was unlikely. The route which was planned was to have the resolution talked out in the Committee and then have the General Council discharge it from the committee. He thanked V.I.D. for joining the coalition. Stephanie moved that V.I.D. should go on record as being part of the coalition. Dave Comacho seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Larry Josephs and Mitch Rein arose to propose a resolution which had come out of the Foreign Policy and Peace Committee and had been passed by the Executive Committee on December 13, 1982. The resolution of the situation in Lebanon, copy annexed hereto, was read.

Joyce Edelman proposed an amendment to the resolution. This was an amendment to item three which would have changed the language as follows: The Village Independent Democrats calls for the United States to take immediate steps to continue the peace process begun at Camp David. Nanny Miller seconded the amendment.

Neil Getnick spoke in ~~favor of the~~ opposition to the amendment, stating that self-determination is a basic right of people and not a code word.

Bob Cohen also spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that self-determination means that the Palestinian people, like any other people, will have the right to determine their future.

Arthur Strickker spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that Israel needs support and that the use of the term "self-determination" can and will be misconstrued.

Paul Slevein spoke in opposition to the amendment, pointing out the need for the Palestinian people to have self-determination and criticizing the Israeli treatment of their captured territories, though admitting that they were more benign than other occupying forces.

Keith Crandall spoke in opposition to the amendment. He went into the history of the resolution, explaining the changes which had been made to the resolution. He stated that the resolution was well thought out and should be adopted as it stands.

Rick Braun spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that the whole issue posed difficult questions but that he favored the adoption of the resolution as it stood.

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Mel Goodstein spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that the resolution as it now stands is anti-Israel.

Dan Roskoff Spoke in opposition to the amendment. He stated that the two big questions are Israel's right to exist and the Palestinians' right to determine their own destiny. The wording in the resolution calling for self-determination of the Palestinian people is well worded. We should vote for the original resolution without any amendment.

Nancy Miller spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that Israel is surrounded by enemies and that the Arab peoples have not shown that they want to co-exist with Israel.

Richard Kelmans spoke in favor of the amendment, stating that the terms of the resolution were not well defined.

Ed Schneider spoke in opposition to the amendment, stating that the amendment would nullify support for self-determination.

Meryl Berman stepped down from the chair in order to speak in opposition to the amendment. She stated that the best clause would be to reinstate homeland. This was discussed in committee and the resolution before us is a good compromise. To change clause #3 is a total negation of standing up for the right of all people.

Meryl was unable to resume the chair until a vote was taken on the resolution and Rick Braun was asked to assume the chair.

Bob Cohen made a substitute resolution to keep clause #3 as it is and to add the following to clause #2: and to encourage all nations of the Middle East to sign peace treaties with Israel.

Rick stated that the proposal was out of order.

Dan Roskoff, acting as a parliamentarian, stated that a resolution is allowed two auxiliary motions and, thus, Bob's proposal was in order.

Bob Cohen reintroduced his amendment.

A discussion took place as to whether Bob's motion was in order. Joyce Edelman moved that the entire resolution, including both hers and Bob's amendments, be tabled. A vote ensued and the motion to table was defeated 26-16.

Ed Schneider stated that Robert's Rules of Order states that every amendment is a sub-resolution. We have an amendment. That is the question before us. If we accept the amendment it becomes part of the resolution. To allow for another substitute is to confuse the issue.

Rick announced that the question on the floor is Bob Cohen's.

Arthur Strickler moved that we call the question on Bob's resolution. Joyce Edelman made a point of order and asked whether that meant if Bob's resolution passed then hers died.

Paul Seleivin moved to set aside Robert's Rules to allow Joyce's amendment to be put to a vote first.

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Dan Roskoff stated that any procedural question not covered by the V.I.D. constitution is covered by Robert's Rules of Order and a unanimous vote is needed to overturn the use of Robert's Rules.

Paul Slevein made a new motion to override the ruling of the Chair.

Dan Roskoff stated that if the appeal is seconded the chair restates the ruling and explains why it was made. It is then open to debate and then gets voted on.

The question was called - to overrule the Chair and allow a vote on Bob Cohen's resolution first and then allow a vote on Joyce's amendment. Two votes were taken. On the first vote a 12-12 tie arose. Rather than break the tie, Rick called for a second vote on which the ruling of the chair was supported 19-14.

Rick announced that Bob Cohen's motion was on the floor and Bob reread it.

Tony Hoffmann made a point of order. Bob Cohen's proposal was an amendment, not a substitute motion. Rick stated that Tony was out of order as that issue had already been voted on.

Tony made another point of order. Bob's proposal cannot be voted on as an amendment. He requested the Chair to reconsider the ruling.

The Chair stated that his ruling had been based on the advice of Dan Roskoff and Tony Hoffmann, the two acting parliamentarians. He asked them what was their advice now and, after listening to them, reversed his ruling. X.

Camille Abate ~~asked~~ moved to call the question and Keith Crandall asked how appropriate was it to call the question before debate. Camille responded that this question had already been addressed and would not retract her motion.

A vote was taken to call the question and the vote was 18 in favor of calling the question and 15 in opposition. The vote being less than 2/3, the question was not called.

Mitch Rein asked that the resolution not be changed. ~~xxxxxxx~~ The clauses were fundamental to the issues.

Meryle Berman concurred with Mitch's statements.

Ghad Elson spoke against the amendments. In his statement, he used three Yiddish words and Camille Abate requested a translation and objected to the use of non-English words which people might not understand.

Ken Wallach moved to table the whole resolution with the motions and the amendments and gave several reasons why.

Dan Roskoff stated that one can move to table the whole report but one should not give a reason.

Stephanie Rogall seconded Ken's motion.

Keith Crandall spoke in opposition to tabling. We should complete the matter tonight, especially in view of the hard work done by Larry Josephs and Mitch Rein.

The motion to table was put to the floor and the vote was 15 to table and 25 not to table. The motion to table was defeated.

Jerry Goldfeder called the question. The question was called by a vote of 25 - 5.

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Bob Cohen reread his amendment and a vote ensued. The vote was as follows: In favor of the amendment - 15, in opposition to the amendment - 26. By a vote of 26-15 the amendment was defeated.

Joyce Edleman remade her amendment. The question was called and Joyce reread the amendment. A vote was made and the amendment was defeated by a vote of 28-9.

Milton Goldner made another amendment to clause #3. Congress should make the steps needed to pressure Israel to allow independence to the captured territories as soon as the Arab political groups show that they will allow democracy to flourish. The ~~amendment~~ amendment was seconded by Nancy Miller. Stephanie Rogall moved to call the question and a vote was held, the question was called with four votes against.

A vote was held on the amendment with two in favor of its passage. It was overwhelmingly defeated.

Ken Wallach moved for another amendment to create a new paragraph. "V.I.D calls upon the United States government to work to secure all legitimate rights of the Palestinian people". The amendment was seconded by Nancy Miller.

Camille Abate spoke in opposition to the amendment. She stated that it is appalling that instead of taking a stand on what's morally right, we would rather substitute an ambiguous phrase and hide. For a political club that got its reputation by sticking our necks out we should not be trying to cover up.

Dan Roskoff stated that we should vote on how we see the matter, not on whether it might be politically safe.

~~She~~ Nancy Miller stated that a political club should take into consideration how we might be viewed in the political arena with the passage of this resolution.

Stephanie Rogall moved to call the question and the question was so called. A vote was taken and the amendment was defeated with seven votes in favor.

Jerry Goldfeder called the question on the entire resolution and it was so called. The resolution, see annexed copy, was passed with a vote of 31-10.

Anne Orton read a motion on Nicaragua which she was asking Meryle to send to our elected officials, protesting our involvement in that country, see annexed copy. Bill van Felix seconded the motion and the resolution was unanimously approved.

Norman Corrental read a resolution on gun control which had been passed at the ~~December 27, 1982 Executive Committee~~ January 10, 1983 Executive Committee, see annexed copy. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Norman went on to describe the new Criminal Justice which he and Paul Samuels are co-chairing. He also read a resolution honoring one of the Police Officers of the Sixth Precinct for rescuing a guy who fell in the Hudson River, see annexed copy. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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The Labor Committee report was given by Bill van Felix. He read a resolution on unemployment which had been passed by the Executive Committee on December 27, 1982. It was unanimously passed. Bill then announced that the next meeting of the Labor Committee was on Wednesday, January 19, 1983 at 8 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCR 3
224 West 4th Street
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General Membership Meeting Wednesday, February 16, 1983 7:30 pm

Agenda:

1. Reports of President and District Leaders
2. Election: Judicial Delegates (11 Delegates, 11 Alternates)
3. Election: 2 Executive Committee Members
4. COMMITTEE NIGHT at VID
Committee Chairs will be our 'guest' speakers. This meeting is designed to provide the membership with full information about each committee. Please attend, listen and get involved with the committee of your choice.
5. Discussion of Constitutional Amendments; First Vote
These amendments would take effect upon final adoption. This will be on the agenda again next month. A final vote will take place during the March membership meeting.
 - 1.) The subsection entitled "Dues" of Article III (Membership) would be changed by adding the words "and Unemployed" after the word "more" and before the word "the".
 - 2.) A new last paragraph would be added to the subsection entitled "Dues" of Article III: "Membership occurs on the day that either the President or Membership Chair receives the member's application and full payment of dues.
 - 3.) The last sentence of the subsection entitled "Voting" of Article VII (Meetings) would be changed by adding the following: "preceding the meeting date (including the date of joining and excluding the date of the meeting)."
 - 4.) Section (e) of Article VII (Meetings) of the Constitution would be changed by substituting the word "ninety" for the word "thirty".
 - 5.) The section of Article VIII (Elections) entitled "Members Entitled to Vote" would be changed by substituting the word "ninety" for the word "thirty".
 6. The first sentence of the subsection entitled "Members Entitled to Vote" of Article VIII (Elections) would be changed by adding the following after the word "election" and before the word "shall": "(including the date of joining and excluding the date of the vote)"
6. New Business

Calendar of Events

- 2/2 Labor Committee 8:00pm
- 2/3 Legislative Affairs 8:00pm
- 2/7 Executive Committee 7:30pm
- 2/8 Education Committee 8:00pm
- 2/9 Town Meeting Stop NYU Expansion (Please see enclosed flier)
- 2/10 Human Rights Committee 8:00pm
- 2/10 Fundraising Committee 8:00pm
- 2/11 VID Party (Please see enclosed flier)
- 2/15 Housing Seminar (Please see enclosed flier)
- 2/15 Foreign Policy and Peace Committee 8:00pm
- 2/16 General Membership Meeting
- 2/17 Campaign Committee 8:00pm
- 2/17 Judicial Reform Committee 8:00pm
- 2/17 Community Board 2 8:45pm Cronin Auditorium, St. Vincent's Hospital
- 2/21 Executive Committee 7:30pm
- 2/22 Political Outreach Committee 8:00pm
- 2/22 Housing Committee 8:00pm
- 2/23 Judicial Reform Panel (Please see enclosed flier)
- 2/24 Fundraising Committee 8:00pm
- 2/24 Voter Registration Committee 8:00pm
- 3/3 Criminal Justice Committee 8:00 pm
- 3/7,8 National Lobby for Nuclear Weapons Freeze Resolution, Washington DC
Call Ann Orton 260-3398

All VID members are urged to attend Executive Committee meetings.

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

The Chair referred to the party on February 11, 1983, honoring Dan Roskoff, the former present of V.I.D. She stated that it was a testimony to Dan that 50 people came to the party on one of the worst nights of the year (12 inch snowstorm).

Tony Hoffmann, the Male District Leader of the 61st Assembly District, Part A, gave his District Leader's report. He started off by talking about the recent (February 12, 1983) meeting with John Brademus, the president of New York University regarding NYU's proposed eviction of tenants on West Third and Sullivan Streets to make room for university administration buildings. The most that Tony was able to say about the meeting is that perhaps in the future there will be a dialogue between NYU and the community. Brademus took a strong position about the needs of NYU. He used the forum on February 9, 1983 which was sponsored by V.I.D. and the South Village Community as an excuse for not having a dialogue. This is, however, a false issue. The real issue is the eviction of long time tenants ~~and~~ by New York University.

Tony stated that several V.I.D. members spoke up at the February 11, 1983 meeting: Catherine Abate (Female District Leader of the 61st Assembly District, Part A), Ed Gold (member of the Community Board #2) and Bob Cohen (representing Assemblyman William Passannante).

Tony went on to speak about the February 22, 1983 hearings on the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill before the New York City Council's Committee on General Welfare, held at City Hall. Tony, Catherine, Stephanie Rogall (Chair of V.I.D.'s Human Rights Committee), and Meryl would testify in support of the bill. It is important that people attend in order to make the committee members aware of the large amount of support for the bill. Tony asked V.I.D. members to attend, if only for a little while.

The next item of Tony's report was about the future Issues Conference which is being sponsored by the New York City Democratic County Committee on May 14 and 15. Delegates would be chosen from V.I.D. at the April meeting and we would probably get 13 delegates and alternates.

Catherine Abate reiterated Tony's version of the meeting between elected public and party officials and Brademus. She also talked about Westway and how a tradein on that project is viable. She and other District Leaders were working to organize political leaders to support a tradein and to pressure Governor Cuomo to switch his support to a tradein.

The Chair reiterated the call for V.I.D. members to attend and participate at the Council hearings on the Gay and Lesbian rights bill.

The Chair began the endorsement vote on Judicial Delegates and Alternates to the New York State Nominating Convention for Democratic Candidates to the N.Y.S. Supreme Court, First District. She stated that we have an increase of three delegates from last year (8 to 11). However, V.I.D. would not have the full 11 seats but would share them with Downtown Independent Democrats. This has not been done yet but the bottom people will probably be dropped.

Nomination followed.

Camille Abate nominated Klaus von Stutterheim.

Norman Correnthal nominated Carol Feinman.

Dan Roskoff nominated Stephanie Rogall.

John Collangelo nominated Camille Abate.

Stephanie Rogall nominated Dan Roskoff.

Betsy Naylor nominated Chad Elson.

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Milton Goldner nominated Neil **Betnick**.
Peter Gatto nominated John Colangelo
Harry Middendorf nominated Mel Goodstein
Chad Elson nominated Roz Lichter.
Richard Kelmans nominated Rick Hartzman.
Paul Slavin nominated Liz Schollenberger
Nancy Miller nominated Paul Slavin.
Chad nominated Betsy Naylor.
Carol Feinman nominated Richard Kelmans who declined the nomination.
Rick Bruan nominated carol Novack.
Keith Crandall nominated Harry Middendorf who declined the nomination.
Bill van Felix nominated John Mark who declined the nomination.
Judy Maxwell nominated Lynn Shullman who declined the nomination.
Bill van Felix nominated Rick Braun who declined the nomination.
Rick Braun nominated Bill van Felix.
Paul Slavin nominated Tim James.

Each candidate spoke for one minute as to his or her qualifications for the office. Voting was held and the ballot box was closed and counted.

Nominations were then held for two vacancies on the Executive Committee, to end in June 1983, replacing Lisa Briskman and John Colangelo. David Ball nominated Paul Samuels and Rick Bruan nominated Peter Gatto. In view of the fact that only two nominations were made for two spots, both candidates were elected unanimously and each spoke to the membership for one minute.

The Chair announced that Assemblyman William F. Passannante was in St. Vincent's Hospital and expressed ~~xx~~ best wishes on behalf of the V.I.D.

The meeting was then turned over to the Committee Chairs who would talk about their committees and the work being done.

Betsy Naylor gave the report of the Fundraising Committee and introduced Dave Camacho and Anita Kramer, the Dinner co-chairs for 1983. Betsy stated that the main event of the Fundraising Committee is the dinner. In the future, a fundraiser is being planned for sometime in May and June will see our annual Street Fair.

Dave Camacho spoke about the annual Dinner. This year the dinner will be on March 26 at One University Place. Cocktails be bill at 7 with an open bar for one hour and dinner will be at 8 P.M. The tickets are \$60 for regular tickets and \$125 for sponsor tickets. We will be honoring Congressman Ted Weiss and the speaker will be Norman Adler, the political action person of DC37. Entertainment will be an open juke box which has been written up in the New York Times. Dave asked people to start sending in their money soon.

Betsy supplemented Dave's report by stressing that some people might not be able to afford \$60 for a dinner tickets. People can pay in installments or work out an alternative deal. Betsy also asked rich members to buy an extra ticket for others to use. People should speak to Meryl, Betsy, Dave, Anita, Tony or Cathherine. The Chair emphasized that Betsy, Dave and Anita have done a great job. We need additional fund this year for our upcoming move. Please come to the dinner.

Camille Abate gave the report of the Campaign Committee. She explained that the Campaign Committee is responsible for running the club's campaigns for candidates we support. The major campaigns this year will be School Board in the immediate future, ~~xxx~~ District Leader and County Committee. At the present time, we will have

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update the Election District boxes which are almost outdated at the present time, especially due to the redistricting of the Assembly District and the changes in some of the Election Districts. There will be a meeting of the Campaign Committee on Thursday, February 17, 1983 at 8 P.M.

Camille then introduced Sheely Staangler who will be in charge of the County Committee operation this year. Shelley spoke and said that she would be asking people to run for County Committee positions and to help update the Election District boxes. Three nights- February 24, 1983, March 3rd and March 9th have been selected as nights to work on the E.D. boxes.

Norman Correnthal and Paul Samuels gave the report of the Criminal Justice Committee. They explained that this is a new committee which, hopefully, will be a source of ideas in the area of criminal justice. At the last meeting, several projects were planned for the upcoming year. Forums in April or May are being planned on alternatives to incarceration, how to make the courts run better, night court arraignment - pro or con, and the exclusionary rule. The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee will be on March 3, 1983 at 8 P.M.

Carol Arber gave the report of the Judicial Reform Committee. She notified the club about her committee's panel on February 23, 1983 at 8 P.M. at the V.I.D. The topic is why we do not have openly gay judges. Panelists will be Kris Glenn, Civil Court judge; Tom Stoddard from the New York Civil Liberties Union; Hank Henry from the Fund for Modern Courts and Bill Thom who had run ~~and lost~~ as an openly gay judicial candidate in 1979 against Ethel Danzig for judge of the Civil Court and lost. The next Judicial Reform Committee meeting will be on February 17, 1983 (Thursday) and will revolve around proposed projects for spring - proposals to the New York Democratic County Committee for reform in the independent judicial screening panel procedures and a future panel on the Surrogate Court.

David Ball and Jerry Goldfeder gave the report of the Voter Registration Committee. The next committee meeting will be on February 24, 1983 at 8 P.M. The aim of the committee is to register 3,000 more people through registering people at various committee forums and rallies.

Stephanie Rogall gave the report of the Human Rights Committee. She urged people to attend the N.Y.C. Council's General Welfare Committee's hearings on the Gay and Lesbian Rights Bill to be held on February 22, 1983, at which hearing she and other V.I.D. members would testify in favor of the passage of the bill. Stephanie said that she would be presenting several resolutions later in the meeting which had come out of her committee.

Keith Crandall gave the report of the Foreign Policy and Peace Committee. He asked support of anti-military amendments before the Congress and talked about the March 7th and 8th lobbying days in Washington, D.C. The committee would be concerned with these issues in the future as well as with the proposed New York Referendum on the Nuclear Freeze which will hopefully be voted on by the people in the November elections.

Rick Braun gave the report of the Housing Committee. ~~XXXXXX~~ He began his talk by mentioning the weekly housing clinics, wherein lawyers and/or housing activists give advice to people with landlord-tenant problems. This clinic will be expanding into the South Village with lawyers being at Our Lady of Pompeii Church to give advice.

Bill van Felix gave the report of the Labor Committee and announced that the next

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committee meeting would be held on February 23, 1983 at 8 P.M. One of the aims of the Labor Committee will be to work with the Voter Registration Committee in order to register union members.

After ~~the~~ Rick had given his Housing Committee report, the Chair announced that the results of the club's endorsement of candidates for Judicial Delegate and Alternate were in and announced them as follows:

1. Dan Roskoff - 70 votes.
2. Camille Abate - 64 votes
3. Carol Feinman - 63 votes.
4. Stephanie Rogall - 61 votes.
5. John Colangelo - 60 votes.
6. Klaus van Stutterheim - 57 votes.
7. Betsy Naylor - 55 votes.
8. Roz Lichter - 49 votes.
9. Bill van Felix - 47 votes.
10. Chad Elson - 37 votes.
11. Neil Getnick - 34 votes.
12. Rick Hartzman - ~~28~~ votes (33)
13. Mel Goodstein - 28 votes.
14. Carol Novack - 28 votes.
15. Liz Shollenberger - 19 votes.
16. Tim James - 12 votes.
17. Paul Slavin - 9 votes.

Neil Getnick gave the report of the Environment Committee. He yielded the floor to Rick Hartzman urged V.I.D. members to attend and possibly testify at future hearings set up by Congress on Nuclear Power plants and the need for protective measures. The hearings will be sponsored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and will be held at 252 Seventh Avenue.

Neil then announced that he was stepping down as chair of the Environment Committee but will be continuing to remain active in the club.

Carol Feinman gave the report of the Political Outreach Committee. She talked about the dual role of the committee - educating members of the activities of other political groups which share our political philosophy and working on projects with other groups. The main project which the committee will be working on this year is working with other Village groups in attempting to prevent the displacement of small commercial establishments because of often unconscionable rent increases. A forum on this subject is being planned for either March or April. The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:30 P.M. on February 24, 1983 at which time we will further discuss how we can work in the area of commercial rent control.

Amy Noel Wyman gave the report of the Legislative Committee. The committee has been splitting into smaller and more specific subcommittees and will be busy this year with proposing and writing new legislation and monitoring existing legislation.

Eshel Levy gave the report of the Education Committee. She reported on the work being done on the new Charles Evans Hughes High School.

~~Mary~~ The Chair substituted for Gina Shamus and gave the report for the newly created Arts Committee. The committee will be working on writing a resource book for artists. The next meeting will be on March 10, 1983 at 7:30 P.M.

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Jim Briggs and Arlene Lowell gave the report of the Consumer Affairs Committee. They presented and explained the committee's recently completed survey of prices of various local supermarkets, as well as a supermarket in Hoboken, New Jersey. The Hoboken supermarket proved to be the cheapest of all survived.

Ilene Zucker gave the report of the Community Affairs Committee. She talked about efforts being done by the committee to help the plight of the homeless as well as the committee's future work, reviewing the Hyman Commission's report on Health Services. In the past, the Community Affairs Committee has presented a filmstrip on the Village Visiting Neighbors.

Ilene announced that the next committee meeting would be held on February 24, 1983 at 9 P.M. Subjects to be considered are the proposed dog leash law, of which Ilene did not have any knowledge and the change of the Sanitation Department's Garage from Bethune Street to Spring Street.

Chad Elson gave the report of the Lobbying Committee. This committee will be working ^{with} ~~be~~ other committees in helping to set up lobbying efforts with regard to the committee's subjects. Two potential lobbying trips are being planned for the future.

The Chair announced that Committee reports were at an end and thanked all the chairs for their past, present and future efforts.

Rick Braun presented several resolutions passed by the Housing Committee. The first resolution was with regard to Rockrose Realty's proposed conversion of commercial property on Horatio Street to luxury residential use. Mike Kiernan of the Horatio Street Block Association spoke in opposition to the developer's actions, the position which was taken by the committee. Rick stated that this resolution was similar to last month's resolution in opposition to the J-51 program. A small group of wealthy developers have received J-51 funds. Rockrose is the number one recipient of these funds. Rick read the resolution and moved its passage. Dave Camacho seconded the resolution and it was unanimously passed.

Rick and Liz Shollenberger then read a resolution with regard to water pressure. The resolution was in opposition to a N.Y. Council proposal to limit the use of water pressure, a stand taken because there was a feeling in the committee that it would needlessly lessen the use of water. A general discussion arose over this resolution and it became obvious that no one really understood the bill. A vote was taken on the resolution and it passed by a vote of 18 - 4 with five abstentions.

Richard Kelmans gave the report of the Search Committee which is attempting to find us a new club for when we will have to move. There is no call for optimism at the present time. We are now looking for space in the East Village where rentals are a little bit cheaper. If people have information about empty spaces, please tell Richard.

Stephanie Rogall then presented two resolutions which had passed the Human Rights Committee. The first resolution was to ask the Governor and Legislature not to make cutbacks on the Commission on Human Rights. This resolution passed overwhelmingly with two abstentions.

The second resolution was with regard to the County Committee's position on the Gay and Lesbian Rights Committee, asking the Committee to support the bill and asking Fred Samuels, the Chair of the Committee and a City Councilperson, to vote to discharge the bill from the General Welfare Committee.

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Bob Ortiz asked whether any of the Councilmembers who represent V.I.D's territory were against INTRO I. Upon being told "no" he then asked what was the point of the resolution. Stephanie responded that we must influence other councilpoper.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

Stephanie announced that the New York State Americans' for Democratic Action were having a fundraiser on February 24 to honor Jack Newfield and Virginia Apuzzio. Stephanie had tickets for those interested people. (Cost was \$35 and for non-members of NYSADA, included membership).

Stephanie reminded people that she was chairing the tax clinic this year which would meet on Saturday, February 19, 1983 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Dan Roskoff gave a report of the Membership Committee. He stated that there has been a high renewal rate and asked people to bring in members. There will be an open house for new and/or prospective members sometimes in the spring.

The Chair announced that the Executive Committee meeting which had been scheduled for February 21, 1983, had been changed to February 22, 1983 because of February 21st being a federal holiday (Washington's Birthday).

Ed Ortiz took the floor to present the Constitutional Amendments which had come out of the Constitutional Revision Committee and which had passed the Executive Committee on January 24, 1983.

The Chair announced that ~~the~~ each person would be limited to two minutes and would not be able to speak again until all interested speakers had been given an opportunity.

Ed stated that the Constitutional Revision Committee had met twice (December 20, 1982 and January 17, 1983)x and had discussed a series of proposals. The change that had been agreed to was to change the 30 day waiting period between joining the club and voting to 90 days. ~~THESE CHANGES~~ It was agreed to hold this in abeyance until the other, less controverisal, changes had been voted on. The Committee had voted to set another category of reduced membership - the unemployed - with a \$7.50 membership fee. This was approved with two abstentions. Another change was made to hold that membership begins when the Membership chair gets the check - prevents pre-dating. Rick Braun explained that this was an attempt to ~~clarify~~ clarify the issue and avoid needless hassles.

The motion passed with one abstention.

The next motion was with regard to the definition "preceding" used in the Constitution which apparently was subject to two separate meanings. Neil Getnick asked whether this was a change or a claification. Ed explained that this was merely a clarification of pre-existing policy. Neil then asked the Recording Secretary to reflect his statement in the minutes.

The motion was passed with one vote in objection.

Attention was then paid to the major change in the Constitution - increasing the waiting period between joining and voting from 30 days to 90 days.

Tim James proposed an amendment to send the entire matter back to the Constitution Revision Committee with instructions to investigate a geographical limitation. Keith Crandall seconded the resolution.

Norman Correnthal spoke in opposition to the amendment and stated that a geographical limitation was not needed; the 90 day period would accomplish the same goals.

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Klaus von Stutterheim spoke in opposition to the amendment and said that its passage (geographic restriction) would be committing a tragic act. It would reduce to a parochial status what has become a club of national renown.

Richard Kelmans spoke in opposition to the amendment and referred to Tim's recent article in the Villager, wherein he attacked the club and supported geographic limitations. Richard stated that what the supporters of restrictions are saying is that Manhattan has nothing in common with other boroughs. This represents a snobishness that we must avoid.

Bob Ortiz spoke in favor of the amendment. He said that the amendment represents a possibility which we should further study.

Bob Kiggins spoke in opposition to the amendment. The residency criteria is irrelevant. Interested parties can do a pack as easily within the Assembly District as they can from without.

Catherine Abate spoke in opposition to the amendment. She reminded the meeting that the V.I.D. plays a pivotal role in county, state and national political Restricting activity and voting membership goes against the spirit of the V.I.D.

Keith Crandall spoke in favor of the amendment. The V.I.D. must be a community-based organization. People from without the A.D. are harming the reform movement by working in V.I.D. instead of in reform movements within their own Assembly Districts.

Dan Roskoff spoke in opposition to the amendment. He quoted from the Villager article and reminded people that Tim James works for Mayor Koch, insinuating that the author was not writing with completely pure motives. Dan also pointed out that now was not the time to restrict membership, with the forthcoming move. We have existed for 26 years without any restrictions.

Tim James raised a point of personal privilege after Dan's speech and took exception to the inference that he took orders from Koch. He stated that Ed Koch hardly speaks to him and that he had been acting pursuant to his own beliefs.

The Chair then raised her own point of personal privilege. She ~~stated~~ defended her handling of the January 24, 1983 Executive Committee meeting at which point she had ruled resolutions brought by Keith and Time out of order.

Carol Feinman spoke in opposition to the amendment and took particular offense to Keith's statement that people who live outside the district and work in V.I.D. are harming the reform movement. She stated that no one had the right to tell her where she would practice her politics. She also stated that it is because of the openness of V.I.D. that our endorsements have become victories and she also stated that the hard work and dedication evidenced by out of district V.I.D. members are reasons ~~not~~ to have restrictions than to have restrictions.

Tom DeLuca spoke in opposition to the amendment and stated that the question of membership is strategic and that the openness of the club is appreciated by out of district members.

Camille Abate spoke in opposition to the amendment and talked about the broad community of interests which V.I.D. represents and which extends outside of the boundaries of the 61st Assembly District. If ~~only~~ we only represent Greenwich Villagers, why pass

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resolutions on national issues or endorse State-wide candidates. This restriction would make Greenwich Village less involved; there are only a certain number of neighborhood issues.

Milt Goldner spoke in opposition to the amendment. He made an analogy between the amendment and the various religious and racial restrictions endemic in Europe in the late 19th and early to mid 20th Centuries. Such a restriction would take out the heart and guts of the club.

Paul Slavin spoke in favor of the amendment. He stated that V.I.D. represents a specific area and only those residents should be able to vote. The restriction is not overly ~~restrictive~~ exclusive.

Ilene Zucker spoke in oppsotion to the amendment and stated that it was ridiculous from a logistical standpoint.

Jerry Goldfeder spoke in opposition to the amendment and stated that we should encourage people who share our politics. He also stated that everyone in the community knows that we are a strong community-based organization.

Mel Goodstein spoke in opposition to the amendment. He stated that if rent controllls are ended in the future, many V.I.D. members, including himself, would have to move from the Assembly District.

Jim Briggs spoke in opposition to the amendment and stated that the amendment involves economic limitations what with the high rents in the Greenwich Village community.

Liz Shollenberger spoke in favor of the amendment and stated that it was a way to limit a pernicious practice of packing. She also stated that many members from outside the Assembly District had joined only to vote for one particular candidate.

Rick Braun spoke in opposition to the amdnedment. He stated that he might have favored some sort of two tier voting system for people inside and outside the Assembly District but did not support a restriction of people from outside the Assembly District. He also stated that the Constitutional Revision Committee had thoroughly discussed this issue and its opinions should be respected.

Stephanie Rogall called the question and the question was so called with one abstention. By a vote of 30 - 10 and one abstention, the resolution of Tim James that the question of membership be committed to the Committee with instructions to support a geographical restriction was defeated.

The original resolution which would extend the waiting period between membership and voting from thirty to ninety days was restored to the floor.

Ken Wallach moved that the 30 day waiting period should be changed to 60 days for residents of the Assembly District and 180 days to non-reisdenents of the Assembly District. The motion died for lack of a second.

Klaus von Stutterheim moved to call the question and the question was so called with three votes against.

The change of the waiting period from 30 to 90 days was passed with three votes against and two abstentions.

Ed Ortiz spoke after the votes and annouced the end of the Constitutional Revision Committee. He also said that the whole issue which had been voted on was bullshit, which people had been interested in as an election issue only.

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Carol Feinman read a resolution which had been previously approved as an emergency nature. This resolution reiterated our support for the Legal Aid Attorneys' strike and criticized the Mayor for his call for lawyers to strikebreak. (See the minutes of the December 13, 1982) Executive Committee meeting).

Paul Slavin moved to amend the resolution and to delete criticism of the call to strikebreak. The Chair asked Carol Feinman whether she accepted this as a friendly amendment and she answered that she certainly did not. Paul then moved the amendment.

The question was called on the amendment and it was defeated overwhelmingly. Dave Camacho called the question on the resolution and the question was so called and the resolution approved with three votes against and two votes in abstention.

Stephanie Rogall moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was so adjourned at 11:40 P.M. on February 16, 1983.

RESOLUTION ON REFORM OF MEMBERSHIP RULES
(proposed by Tim James)

RESOLVED that the Constitution Committee is instructed to develop and propose in time for consideration at the next general membership meeting a constitutional amendment establishing geographic criteria for full voting membership in order to make the V.I.D. once again a community-based political organization.

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

District Leader reports were given by Tony Hoffmann and Catherine Abate, the Male and Female district leaders of the 61st Assembly District, Part A (B?)

Councilwoman Miriam Friedlander gave her report and informed the membership about Mayor Koch's proposed cuts. We cannot accept the Mayor's attempts to make us believe that the only choices are cuts or higher taxes.

Jerry Goldfeder, the endorsed Male ~~State~~ State Committeeman and Virginia Kee, the Female Committeeperson from the 61st Assembly District, reported on the progress or delegate selection and voting procedures with regard to the 1984 Presidential Convention.

Mona Motte, representing NAARL (National Abortion Rights League), spoke with regard to the status of abortion and right to choice legislation in both Washington and Albany.

Dan Roskoff, a NDC vice-chair explained the purpose of NDC, prior to the vote for Delegates and alternates to the New Democratic Coalition (other NDC vice-chairs in V.I.D. are Carol Feinman and Jerry Goldfeder)

The following people were elected as delegates to the New Democratic Coalition: (20)

Rick Braun	- 48
Ed Ortiz	- 44
Allen Roskoff	- 41
Dave Camacho	- 40
Betsy Naylor	- 39
Shelly Stangler	38
John Mark	- 33
Richard Kelmans	33
Klaus von Stutterheim	- 32
Ilene Zucker	- 32
Anita Isola	- 31
Bill van Felix	- 31
Amy Wyman	- 30
Lisa Briskman	- 30
Peter Gato	- 28
Larry Josephs	- 27
Bob Cohen	- 26
Chad Elson	- 27
Rose James	- 26
Jim Briggs	- 23

The following people were elected as alternates (13):

Rick Hartzman	- 23
John Hower	- 22
Peter Samuels	- 20
Arthur Stricker	- 20
Mona Motte	-19
Mel Goodstein	* 19
Bonnie Potter	- 17

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Nancy Haberman - 13
Andrea Meyer - 11
Beatrice Lesser - 10
Nancy Miller - 9
Phil Pam - 8
Paul Groncki - 7

Prior to the NDC vote, Ilene Zucker, chair of the Community Affairs Committee, sponsored and chaired a forum with regard to proposed cutbacks of construction funds for Voluntary hospitals. Judy Wexler represented a group in opposition to the cutbacks. Noone appeared for the hospitals but written material was read by Ilene.

Committee reports were read by the chairs or their representatives.

A resolution was passed from the Judicial Reform Committee, calling upon Mayor Koch to appoint openly gay and lesbian lawyers to the Family, Criminal, and Housing Courts as judges.

The membership unanimously approved splitting the judicial delegates/alternates from the 61st Assembly District as follows: V.I.D. would run seven delegates and alternates in the September Democratic primary. Four delegates ~~would~~ and alternates would be ~~sp~~ given to D.I.D (Downtown Independent Democrats), the other official club in the District, for them to keep to themselves or to split with other groups. The Chair was also instructed to express to D.I.D. the fact that V.I.D. was concerned about the lack of election by D.I.D. of their delegates and alternates.

The meeting was adjourned until April 7, 1983.

Minutes of the May 11, 1983 General Meeting of the VILLAGE Independent Democrats

The meeting was called to order by Meryl Berman, president of the V.I.D. (hereafter referred to as the "Chair"), at 8:05 P.M.

The Chair related the good news that we will be remaining in our present place. She thanked Richard Kellmans for his work and stated that more details will be available at the May 16, 1983 Executive Committee meeting.

The Chair then asked members to sign up to run for the County Committee. Interested people should speak to Camille Abate or Shelley Stangler. Camille was thanked for her work on the School Board campaign. Also thanked were Liz Shollenber (election inspectors) and Dave Ball.

The Chair introduced Rose James, chair of the Block Party, who introduced Arthur Strickler. He stated that he would be in charge of pushing the raffles.

The Chair informed the membership that the next General Meeting would be held on June 14, 1983. At that meeting, the Arts Committee will show a film on last year's June 12th anti-nuclear march.

The Chair thanked John Colangelo for his work as chair of the Finance Committee. An announcement was made that there will be a NYS NDC meeting on May 12, 1983 to elect State NDC Vice-Chairs.

Tony Hoffmann and Catherine Abate, the District Leaders for the 61st Assembly District, Part A, gave their district leader report. They supplemented their report with a visual aid—a map of the 61st Assembly District. They commented on the continuing negotiations with Downton Independent Democrats (DID), the other club in the Assembly District. These negotiations have been characterized by bad communications. There has been a charge by DID that the splitting of the District into leadership parts violated the Constitutionally required one person - one vote. The main issue of controversy was the 56th Election District. There was a feeling that we do not represent the part below Canal Street and a request that we give up that part to DID.

After the County Committee Executive Committee vote DID renegotiated with us. They asked for the part below Canal Street and the triangle above Canal Street to Broome Street. DID has worked this area. They feel that this area is coterminus.

Tony and Catherine recommended that this area be given to DID and in return we get a block in the South Village. This good faith act only enhances our reputation in the neighborhood and the entire County political community.

Catherine spoke about the Greenwich Village Coalition for Peace. On May 21 there will be a march in the Village at 2 PM at Abingdon Square against nuclear armament.

Tony reminded everyone that on June 4 and 5th there will be the Issues Conference.

The motion put forth by Tony and Catherine passed unanimously.

Pat Epifanio asked Catherine whether VID has communicated with Cuomo on Westway. Catherine responded that a letter was sent to the Cuomo administration.

The Chair introduced Mark Banks who spoke to the body with regard to the plight of his brother, Dennis Banks, who is living in sanctuary on the Onandaga Indian Reservation near Syracuse. Dennis Banks has sought political asylum in New York to prevent his extradition to South Dakota where he awaits sentencing for murder charges. There is great danger that if he goes back to South Dakota he will be killed either by or with the complicity of the State Government.

After Mark Banks spoke, Norman Correnthal offered a resolution in support of Dennis Banks. The resolution passes overwhelmingly.

The Chair thanked Norman and Paul Samuels, the Chairs of the Criminal Justice Committee, who put together this speaking.

Jerry Goldfeder, the State-Committeeman designee for the 61st Assembly District, spoke on the proposed delegate selection plan with regard to the 1984 Democratic Convention. He spoke on the Governor's proposals on this issue.

The meeting moved on to the endorsement of candidates for the position of District Leader, 61st Assembly District.

Klaus von Stutterheim nominated Catherine Abate.

Jim Briggs moved to close nominations.

Ed Ortiz moved that one unanimous ballot be cast for Catherine. This was unanimously approved and so done.

Catherine made a speech thanking everyone for the endorsement.

Dan Roskoff nominated Tony Hoffmann for the position of Male District Leader and this was seconded.

Rick Braun moved to close nominations.

Ed Ortiz moved that one unanimous ballot be cast for Tony. This was unanimously approved and so done.

Tony also made a speech thanking everyone for the endorsement.

Councilwoman Carol Greitzer made a report of the current workings of the Council.

Committee reports were given and the meeting was adjourned.