

Nomination & vote

Recording Secretary, Spring Wang

Corresponding Secretary, HARRY Mittendorf

Executive Committee Member, Linda Peng

NDC alternate delegate, Richard Willstader.

All the above nominations were closed with unanimous voice votes without ballot casting.

Civil Court judge, Eugene Nardelli, though running without any opposition, needs a secret ballot vote. Passed overwhelmingly. 16 for, 8 nonendorsement, 1 abst., 1 blank ballot

Committee Reports

Campaign Committee: August 15 fund raising.

New voter registration <sup>co-</sup> coordinator, Linda Peng

Legal <sup>Rights & Remedies</sup> Committee: - new co-chairs, Richard <sup>co-</sup> Kelmans & Carol Feinman  
 a new committee - July 31 first meeting.

- new orientation, mainly dealing with pragmatic matters concerning community residents and provide specific information, and how to --- to the commy.

Housing Committee: - Tenant Pac is a new political action group formed by tenants thru out the state to extend rent stabilization and campaign against vulnerable Republicans.

- Housing committee will address a Union Square resolution, and propose a joint resolution with the Community Affairs committee on July 19.

- Tenants can challenge the landlord registration of stabilized rent. VID will help to file challenge forms

Fund Raising committee: need to do three fund raising parties; need a lot of help.

DEBATE Three speakers on the topic of second run-offs in primaries.

Hilton Clark spoke on the side for the abolition of 2nd run offs  
 Everett Hughes, editor of Talking Turkey, and Bob Levenson, spoke against the abolition of 2nd run offs.

Resolution

1. Dan Roskoff proposed a resolution for the abolition of 2nd run offs.  
 Speakers for: Dan Roskoff, Ed Ortiz, Andy Humm, Spring Wang, Richard Hartzman, and others.

Speakers against: Jim, Richard Kelmans Nancy, Paul Gronki, and others.

VOTE: for 14, oppose, 11; abst. 3 (first round)

for 14, oppose, 11; abst. 2. (2nd round)

RESOLUTION CARRIED.

2. Dan Roskoff <sup>for</sup> campaign committee, put forth a resolution calling for the moving of Sept. primaries to before the summer so to encourage maximum voter participation and holding of only one primary in Presidential election years (combined  
 Speaker for: Dan Roskoff <sup>for Presidential and local races</sup>)

Speaker against: Paul Gronki (or rather addressing both sides of the Q)

VOTE: 17 for, 1 abst.

3. Resolution by Andy Humm on Archbishop O'Connor passed overwhelmingly.

Peace Committee report: nuclear free zone was passed on City Council level.

July 30 <sup>forum</sup> has a video film on Niguaragua

General Membership Meeting --August 14, 1984

The meeting was convened by Rick Braun, the president.

President's report:

- Additional agenda, 1199 speaker.
- Executive Committee members have to check the duty roster. Whoever is on ~~the~~ duty has to be at the club from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to answer the phone and mend the office.
- VID had sent a letter to Mondale/Ferraro campaign committee, and to Governor Cuomo to invite them to come to the VID rally. M/F headquarter said that they are considering it.

Assembly man Passanatte made a brief report to update the Democratic Candidates' campaign activities.

District woman leader, Catherine Abate:

- VID is joining the statewide Women's political caucus voter registration drive on August 26-27. VID is also co-sponsoring a rally in front of the World Trade Center that's initiated by NOW, on Monday August 20.

District Leader, Man: Tony Hoffman

- Voter poll is extremely important for the primary fight, urge all members to help to get out the favorable voters.

Nomination & Vote on two slots in Executive Committee:

- Steve Schaltz and Mary Booth were nominated.

VOTE: Steve, 18 for Mary, 9 for No endorsement: 1

Their terms end at January 1st, 1985

Ruth Messinger spoke on the state of Mondale Ferraro campaign in New York City.

Senator Orestin spoke on the importance of Jerry Goldfeder's race.

Campaign Committee reported that Dan Raskoff is the primary DAY Coordinator.

\*1199 speaker failed to show up due to heavy negotiation schedule.

Rick adopted the agenda.

Announcement: -~~Cam~~ Abate resigned as vice chair of campaign committee.

Joe Ca<sup>trambone</sup> is the new vice chair/

-Bob Cohen is the Community Affairs co-chair

-Linda Peng is the Labor committee co-chair

-Bruce<sup>Foster</sup> is the legislative Affairs co-chair

-Josephine O'Brien co-chair of Education Committee.

Rick's philosophy is to have co-chairs for every committee; there are still a lot of openings.

Nov. 14 meeting will report on the following questions:

-Whether VID should be incorporated as a non-profit organization.

This motion is already passed.

-Also, <sup>Legal Rights and</sup> Housing Clinics are to have both lawyers and lay<sup>persons</sup> to provide consultation service. However, ~~the~~ lay<sup>persons</sup> can only provide service ~~in~~ at the presence of an lawyer. This motion was passed.

-N.Y. State ADA used VID for meeting and contributed \$50.

-Marv n Wassermen was allowed to purchase a mailing list from VID at cost.

Treasurer Report:

-It cost \$199.99 for an outside auditor. and \$12.50 for copies.

Most things recommended already doing, other than proposal to have an book-keeper. Need volunteer.

Book-keeper check against Treasurer monthly.

Copies and forms of transaction of \$ should be uniform.

VID CAMPAIGN fund is doing well.

VID account is doing good; all bills are paid.

Campaign Chair: -For the Nov. 6th campaign operation:

Gloria Witman is volunteers coordinator

Bill Van Felix in charge of street literature operation

Alan and Alan handle building stuffing operation

Art Committee: anti-apartheid calendar.

Peace & Foreign Affairs Committ: -Oct 21st, all day event on peace in Central America.

-Vote Unanimously to co-sponsor the Peace Breakfast.

Nomination: Justice of State Supreme Court of New York

Dan nominated Milton Williams

VOTE, ONE UNANIMOUS. VOTE.

Housing Committee:

-Resolution on 421-A passed UNANIMOUSLY. (see resolution)

Environmental Committee:

Resolution concerning Federal Toxic Legislation passed UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATION FOR 15th CONGRESSIOAL SEAT; 44 NO Endorsement

7 Andrew Stein

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOV. 14, 1984

7.50 PM TO 10.40 PM

1. Copies of the Constitution, updated by Dan Roskoff and typed by Sheila Schwartz, were passed out.

2. The Agenda, as read, was adopted,

3. The next general meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11 is the Annual Meeting specified by the Constitution.

4. President's Report: The president reported on his activities on behalf of VID during the Mondale/Ferraro campaign and announced the appointment of Gary Gordon to chair the new student/youth outreach committee. Dec. 14-American for Democratic Action forum to interview prospective candidates for mayor. VID member Rose James just got out of the hospital.

5. District Leader and State Committee Reports:

-- Tony Hoffman asked for VID support for a 7 day-marathon during the X'mas season to raise funds for the Hungry in Ethiopia and in this country. Motion, seconded by Bill Van Felix, passed unanimously. He also reported on work with funding proposals for health needs in the gay community. VID's assembly district had the second highest turnout on election day and the highest plurality for a middle class white district.

-- Catherine Abate announced 3 upcoming fights: the Third Avenue phoney hotel construction, LES community developers' need for city funding and the rally opposing the construction of a 24-hr. Burger King on Nov. 17, Sat., 11 am to 1 pm on Mercer between Broadway and University.

-- Jerry Goldfeder reported on a legislative Task Force meeting of the Downstate Freeze Coalition, tax abatement panel which voted against the reform position and the fight against the upgrading of Union Square. He pointed to the large increase in voting strength in minority districts and announced an urban issues forum to be sponsored by the New Democratic Coalition early next year in the effort to replace the mayor with a progressive.

-- Virginia Kee reported that the Democrats did well on Nov. 6 downtown and in Chinatown, on housing organizing in the LES at ave. C & D, on the tenants' patrol at the Smith & Rutgers Houses and the efforts of a coalition of community groups to get HPD subsidy.

-- Carol Greitzer reported on the opening of the transit canopy on Christopher Street, Gov. Cuomo's plans for housing the homeless in state-owned buildings to be leased to community organizations for \$1/yr., City Council hearing on air rights over city-owned buildings, on civil service hearing on equal pay for comparable work for women, on the City Council's resolution making the City a Nuclear Weapons-free Zone (in which she cast the deciding vote) and the Times Square hearings with a "421A" resolution when she voted in favor of tenants. (The President

added that Joe Catrambone, co-chair of the Peace & Foreign Policy Committee, has been very active on the Nuclear-free Zone resolution.)

6. Introduction of New Members: 5 new members were introduced.

7. Guest Speaker : Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman.

8. Election of 4 Executive Committee Members At-large (terms expire June 1985): Nominated: Marion Yuen, Rebecca Laumb, Vern Fry, Bruce Feffer, Gary Fordon. Elected: Feffer, Fry, Gordon, Yuen.

9. Resolution, made by Richard Hartzman, to incorporate VID as a not-for-profit corporation because of concern for potential liability of members for actions of the club. He asked for the appointment of a committee to implement the resolution (Rick Braun, Richard Kelmans, Richard ~~Kelmans~~). Filing fee is \$65. Motion was adopted unanimously. *Hartzman*

10. Committee Reports:

-- Legal Clinic: every monday night.

-- Legal Rights Committee reported on 3 resolutions passed by the Executive Committee: a) attorneys and lay people can work the clinic with an attorney present, b) continue to work the clinics and c) run training sessions for attorneys and lay people. The clinics advise people on their legal rights, not act as counsels. As a not-for-profit organization, VID needs to make an annual report to the appellate court on what the legal clinic is doing and the number of people involved.

-- Peace & Foreign Policy Committee report by Joe Catrambone and Marion Yuen. The City Council has declared NYC a Nuclear-free Zone but the Navy is still bringing in the nuclear fleet. On opposing US intervention in Central America, they recommended a) Nov. 27 "National Call-in Day", asking people to call Congressional representatives to protest US intervention, b) Dec. 2 Week-long activity to oppose US war in Nicaragua, when VID will have a forum, c) Nov. 20, 7 PM, Committee work meeting.

-- Resolution by Dan Roskoff, passed with overwhelming vote. "The VID commends Victor Gotbaum for his pledge not to endorse candidates for City Council who vote against the civil rights of lesbians and gay men, specifically those who oppose Intro 1, the bill that would ban discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation. The VID calls on all public officials to make similar pledges. And we announce our intention not to endorse candidates for public or party office in 1985 who support Council candidates opposed to Intro 1."

-- Fundraising Committee: Betsy Naylor replaces Lilith Agredano as chair. Holiday party at the home of Klaus von Stutterheim. Planning meeting on Nov. 15.

-- Campaign Committee: Paul Groncki said that Mondale moved Reagan from the right to the middle. He thanked especially those individuals who made outstanding contributions.

-- Labor Committee: Resolution to send a letter to Yale

University President Bartlett Giamatti in support of striking Yale workers. Passed unanimously. Bill Van Felix announced there will be buses to take supporters to New Haven on Dec. 17. Committee meeting on Nov. 15 will plan a series of labor films.

-- Legislative Affairs Committee: Bruce Feffer announced a joint meeting with the Criminal Justice Committee on "Crime, Punishment & Social Justice" on Nov. 29. A discussion of the latest proposals of the State Sentencing Guidelines Committee will be held.

-- Judicial Committee: Meeting on Dec. 3.

-- Arts Committee: Gina Shamus announced Nov. 19 forum with guest speaker, Robert Harding who is Assemblyman Bill Passannante's counsel regarding NYS arts legislation.

-- Legal Rights Committee: Richard Kelmans announced the next meeting on Nov. 27.

-- Environmental Committee: Next meeting on Nov. 19.

-- Student/Youth Outreach Committee: Gary Gordon shared ideas he has in developing this area.

11. Deadline for newsletter is Friday, Nov. 16. Dates for all Dec. meetings have to be set by then.

Minutes submitted by Marion Yuen.

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