

Minutes of Executive Committee on June 25, 1984.

A motion was passed to permit judicial candidate Alice Schlesinger to rent the clubhouse provided that she installs her own separate telephone lines. The rent will be negotiated by the President and will be subject to the disapproval of the Executive Committee.

The second motion permitted of the same type of arrangement to be negotiated with Phyllis Gengall-Jacobs.

An agenda was set for the July 11, 1984 general membership committee meeting. The agenda set is the one which appears in the current mailing.

A motion was proposed by the President and carried to have a second July general membership meeting in order to endorse a Presidential candidate. Such motion also included on the agenda would be limited to this issue and the campaign issue. The motion passed unanimously. The following motion set the date of such meeting at July 23.

On a motion to reconsider the setting of the agenda for the July 11 meeting, it was determined that the campaign committee debate on runoff primary would indeed be held during the July 11 meeting.

The Treasurer, Art Stricler, reported that the treasury maintained an approximate balance of \$5,800. The Audit Committee will report to the general membership at the next meeting.

The Campaign Committee reported that Linda Peng has agreed to serve as Voter Registration Coordinator.

Finally, a motion was passed to permit the expenditure of money on a campaign sign to be placed outside of the Club.

Resolutions & discussions:

1. Candidate Alice Schlesinger proposed to use the VID as her campaign office, to pay a flat fee of \$500 till Sept. 1984. She will install her own phone. If there is sharp increase in the VID phone bill, then the President will go thru the phone bill and charge the Schlesinger campaign with the excess over the last 3 months average phone bill.

VOTE: Passed unimously.

2. DSA wrote a letter to VID and request that VID put an ad in their newsletter. Rick proposed that the VID put in an ad of \$50 (minimum cost).

VOTE: passed overwhelmingly.

3. Proposed date for the next general membership meeting, August 14. (Rick) at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: Passed, overwhelmingly.

4. Rick reported the problem of the second run off debate in the coming General Membership meeting this coming Wed. July 11. That there are two speakers for abolishing the second run off, and no speaker, OR ONLY ONE (Bob Levenson) speaker committed to speak opposing the abolishing of second run off. RESOLUTION: Catherine secured a speaker, Bob Levenson, to speak in opposition to the abolishing of second run offs. Provided that he will get equal time to speak as the two speakers on the other side.

5. Tenant PAC Coalition asked to use the VID office for meeting July 19, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. (date and time)

VOTE: passed overwhelmingly.

6. Rick reported on Westway Hearing, there were three to one in opposition to West Way. However, more work still needed to be done. leaflet to be posted in the building, and write letter. Jerry Goldfeder, Catherine Abate, Tony Hoffmann, Rick Braun, Richard Hartzman etc spoke at the hearing of the Army Corps of Engineers.

7. VID auditor report:

-There are 10 checks made out to cash or to Meryl, totaled \$500, that is not accountable. (this amount is an addition to the \$6,600 that she returned to the club).

VOTE: Proposal to write a letter to Meryl and ask her to substantiate these ten checks with receipts or itemized spending. Then the VID shall decide what to do. (whether to ask her to reimburse the \$500 or ---)

This letter shall be certified mail with return receipt requested, & a date of return shall be specified in the letter. (amendment)

IT passed overwhelmingly, 1 absentee.

*Regard to the matter whether this motion need to go to General Meeting, the vote was overwhelmingly -NO.

-Question concerning whether the president shall have petty cash as a policy, Rick declined to have any petty cash. All spending shall be with receipts.

-Also proposed by the auditor that VID shall have a few charge accounts with copy centers, printers, and post office so to reduce the situation of checks floating around.

-Rick Hartzman had not yet hired an independent auditor, need recommendation.

VID Exect. Mt. note 7/9/84

-Few items still not verified, 1983 fund raising, needed receipts.

REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Jerry: -testified in Westway Hearing, clarified his position against Westway to those demonstrated at his fund raising.
-Joined 3rd Ave. Hotel construction demo.
- Jerry, Tony Hoffman, Catherine Abate, Paul Gronke & Andy Human, will be going to the Democratic National Convention

Catherine: -Recent Supreme court ruling significant, eating away Exclusionary Rule and bringing us back into the 1800s. Need to do a lot of work to protest against it.
-Westway still need a lot of support in opposing it. Gumo, Koch, Moynihan, and D'Amato all sent speakers to speak for Westway.
-Union Sq. Development, changing the FAR 10 to allow for FAR 14, will have a domino effect on bringing high rise luxury housing in the area.

Tony: Local issues:

-At least two supermarkets will be closing due to rent hike, This is related the importance of working on passing commercial rent control.
-Pavement on the street caused problems for sidewalk pedestrian.
-On gay rights issue, the Brooklyn Catholic Diocese is not opposing Executive order #50, this gives ground for hope.

Andy (Human Rights Committee)

Introduce an resolution on Catholic Bishop John O'Connor: (see text)
Tony introduces an amendment to cut off the tax exempt status of Catholic Church if----- (since the Archbishop is dangerously close to political arena therefore it threatens the non-profit status of the Church)

VOTE: Tony's amendment defeated overwhelmingly. four vote for it.
Andy's motion passed overwhelmingly, 1 oppose

Andy reminds everyone to send letter to the City Council on Intro #1.

~~Notes/Reports~~

Other Reports: -Campaign committee need more people to help out in petitioning.
Deadline for Voter registration for the coming primary is July 13, Friday nite.
-Environmental committee next meeting set for August 1st.
Resolution against importing Kangaroo got reply from Australia.
-Dan announced the NDC meeting Thursday nite at 2121 B'way.
It is important to attend for endorsement vote, including District 61 state committee man.

Agenda approved:- Endorsement of the Democratic Party ticket.
 -Campaign Committee Report
 -Old and new business

ENDORSEMENT:-Andy Humm made the motion that the VID endorse the ticket of Mondale-Ferraro for the Democratic Party for Nov. election
 -Stephane move to have one unanimous ballot
 VOTE: unanimous.

CONVENTION REPORT:

Jerry Goldfeder: Everybody came together around Ferraro.
 He spoke on no first use minority plank and supported it.
 The plank passed in N.Y delegation but failed in the convention.

Andy Humm: The fight over the minority plank reflected a fight not just over the issues, but also over the process.
 Majority of convention delegates supported the minority plank but Mondale refuse to release his delegates, and wanted to show who is the boss.
 It is important for the left to keep the pressure up. A strong left/progressive contrast is necessary or else people have no reason to vote.

Catherine Abate: Minority planks are all VID positions.
 Never understood what Jesse Jackson had done for the party.
 Unifying effect, now polls the Democratic ticket is two points ahead.
 Labor participation very great.

Ilene: New York really led the entire country this time around.

Councilwoman Carrol Greitzer: spirit and excitement.
 most liberal platform.
 Ferraro candidacy will be the spark.

REPORT:

Campaign Committee: -Fund raising on Aug. 15, need help in mailing.
 -Still have voter registration work to do.

Housing Committee: Rick Braun will represent the Housing committee/VID by participating in Tenant PAC on July 19. Tenant PAC is investigating races to get involved. *Join on vacation*

Community Affairs Comt: Union Square Resolution (see attached)

- friendly amendment by Rick

" the four community Boards plan for the Union Square Area, with Public Hearings taking into consideration the needs of the community---"

should be changed to
 " that the four community boards ----Union Square area, based on Public HEarings, and take into consideration-----"

Because there had ~~not~~ been many public hearing already. the wording should be stronger.

FRriendly amendment accepted.

VOTE: Carried Unanimously.

-On 3rd Ave. Hotel in Lower East Side:

It is a victory cause City Planning Commission revoked the permit based on the plan submitted.

Treasure: \$42 each shall be collected from the different primary campaigns

for the presidential nomination race. (Mondale, Cranston, Jackson, Hart)
 -no personal calls to made on the VID phone, especially for out of state calls, treasurer found a few. Will design a form for phone logs

MOTION: By Bill Van Felix, moved that the VID participate in a coalition with ~~the~~ 65, National Lawyers Guild etc. to have a war time tribunal against intervention in Central America.

Vote: carries overwhelmingly.

MOTION : Union Square Development resolution(see attached resolution) presented by Community Affairs CHAIR.

Rick, the president, moved that it be deferred to General Membership meeting without recommendation.

Vote: Carried overwhelmingly.

MOTION: By treasure Art Strickler, to place \$200 with the US postal office under VID account for bulk mail rate, to avoid loose blank check

Vote: carried unanimously.

Reports:

Catherine Abate proposed that the VID participate in a big voter registration drive to be initiated by the National Women's Political Caucus. Bill was proposed to coordinate the drive for VID. VID should have strong presence. (Bill Van Felix)

Art Strickler: Treasurer is helping with the final audit internally. After this final audit, it will go to an independent auditor.
 Regular expenses of the club was reported as the following:

rent	\$1,250
Phone	250
Printing	50 one shot
Mailing	60 - 70 one mailing

Present club balance is approximately \$5,000. It's doing good.

Rick Braum: Propose Sept. 13 for General Membership Meeting.
 ADOPTED.

Paul Gronki: ① Motion of allocating \$250 club fund for mailing. It is a letter to be written by Paul & Rick about how important this campaign is.

CARRIED.

② Motion a Mondale/Ferraro Sign after the 9/11 primary.

-Bill Van Felix's motion that the executive committee authorize him to construct a sign, with \$200 as limit, and hang it outside of office window.

MOTION DEFEATED. 7 For, 11 Oppose.

-Ilene's motion of a sign professionally done, hang next to the present sign, and 1/2 of the size of the present sign. \$400.

Motion CARRIED overwhelmingly.

-Andy Humm first moved to include, a few of major issues that distinguish VID from the Reform club, to be included in the sign. Motion was not seconded nor voted.

Andy then moved to refer to the Campaign Committee to determine the content of the sign.

3) Motion passed in campaign committee to reimburse Meredith, the election inspector coordinator, for phone bills till Nov. 6 as long as it is documented.

-Stephanie moved that the motion be tabled till there is an audit committee discussion on the matter

Motion DEFEATED. 6 FOR, 10 OPPOSED.

-Ilene, friendly amendment of \$100 as limit for reimbursement, Rejected by Paul.

-John, Motion to refer the question to audit committee to adopt a procedure. The Audit committee shall make a recommendation back to the executive committee what procedure to adopt, and be voted on.

MOTION REJECTED. 7 for, 10 opposed.

-Art Strickler, amendment to set a \$50 limit.

Rejected by Paul.

FINAL VOTE ON original motion by the Campaign committee.
 CARRIED. 11 FOR, 7 OPPOSED.

Fund Raising Committee:

Aug. 15 fund raiser only has \$1,000 + reservation. It is really poor.

Paul: Motion for executive committee to authorize a decision to share the \$ with Alice Schlesinger's campaign of paying minimum wages to put a prime voter list together. (It costs \$2,200 to purchase and for any additional copy, have to pay)

MOTION CARRIED. 11 FOR, 3 OPPOSED.

Tony moved to cap at \$150 till further information, CARRIED .

Art: Moved that for those members who can not afford to pay the \$50 for Aug. 14 fund RAISING DINNER, but help out to do some work at fund raising, could pay what the dinner costs. This should also include people who had not worked for the specific fund raising but could not afford to pay at the rate. They can work out a rate, at the discretion of the president and the ~~campaign~~ fund raising chair.

Tony: We should continue the old policy of the VID. that anybody who could not afford to come to the fund raising, can work out with the president or the fund raising chair, to pay in kind or at a cut rate.

MOTION CARRIED overwhelmingly.

Paul proposed that every committee chair write a VID position on their specific issues for the campaign literature.

Art: Moved that the VID purchase an answering machine, cap at \$200
MOTION CARRIED overwhelmingly.

Executive Committee Minutes--Monday, August 20, 1984

The meeting was convened at 7:56 pm by Rick Braun, President. The following business was transacted:

- o Committee Chairs were asked not to hold any meetings until after the primary.
- o A new agenda was passed without objection.
- o The next General Membership Meeting was set for September 13, 1984
- o Tony Hoffmann, District Leader, addressed the gathering, expressing his regret at the presence of Tim James from the rival political organization. He announced the Mondale/Ferraro telethon to be held in September, which hopes to raise \$1 million.
- o A resolution presented by the Labor Committee directing that a letter be sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo asking him to use his influence to end the hospital workers strike was passed.
- o The meeting was adjourned and then reconvened at which time District Leader Tony Hoffmann introduced a resolution that the Club spend \$500 on the Mondale/Ferraro sign, which was passed.
- o At the request of Andy Humm, the Club endorsed the demonstration to be held at St Patrick's on September 20 protesting the Archbishop's stand on human rights.
- o The meeting was finally adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes taken by John Howe

Executive Committee poll taken by Rick Braun, President, on August 21, 1984 regarding 2 campaign ads in Villager at \$185 each for one quarter page (\$252 regular price); VID's co-sponsoring forum on The Phillipines by Assembly of Patriotic Filipinos; and including flyer for above forum, forum on The Phillipines at VID on subsequent date, and announcement of speech at Columbia U. by member of Nicaragua Supreme Court, with VID monthly mailing:

Yes: Finn, Braun, Beranbaum, Lowell, Colangelo (no on forum and flyer), Van Felix, Hartzman, Hoffmann, Kantrowitz, Groncki, Abate, Goldfeder, Agredano, Shamus, Tokarczyk, Rogall, Howe, Peng, Von Stutterheim, Briggs, Strickler (poll stopped: majority reached)

Executive Committee Meeting, September 12, 1984

Rick Braun, the president, convend the meeting.

President's report:

- Al Haber(♻) was approved to be the Education Committee Chair
- VID shall allow cooperative groups to use the club for meeting with no fee. However, contribution shall be asked.
- Approved meeting of September 1st, 1984

Audit Report:

- Found no records(receptitS) of the \$6,600
- No responses from Meryle for the additional checks drawn from VID account.
- Suggestions :
 - 1) open account with printing places.
 - 2) To add on an position of assistant treasure
 - 3) Require treasure make regular report, follow up on receipts and make statement on receipts not followed.
 - 4) Have treasure and 2nd office receive bank statement directly form the bank.
 - 5) copy of the audit -----
 - 6) advertisement should be submitted.

Steve made a motion to adpot the report and the suggestions, inculding suggestions from the floor. Second by Dave.

John move to defer the consideration to the next Executive Committee Meeting.

VOTE: 18 to 3 with 1 abst. to defer it to the next Executive Committee Mt.

*The Sect. shall provide zerox copies for all Executive Commitee members

Richard Hirsman, report on hiring outside auditor:

Richard spoke to three certified CPA: Mor Levison, Shirley Herman, & Rubin Adnelock. They were ask to review the way the VID keep its book, and to audit the book and make recommendations.

Quorum present: 14 members (others arriving late)

President report: -Judicial Convention 9/18/84

-Proposed for 10/19 General membership meeting, agenda approved, and also proposed John Bell, political folksinger to be invited.

-\$12.00 received as 'rent' from coop group .

Proposed allow the group use the space (the group being a tenant asso. whose building is being 'coopted' .

Amendment: asking for voluntary contribution

PASSED Unanimously.

Audit Committee Report: Marvin Moskowitz

Richard Hartzman, three C.P.A. examined, Agoluff, Herman, & Leventhal. Proposed to hire Mr. Agoloff for no more than \$300.

Substitute motion: no more than \$500

Proposed amendment: propose \$300 then renegotiate

Called the question: 15-3-0

Go to a firm, seek flat rate of \$300, if not accepted and go beyond, seek for a reduced rate on hourly basis.

VOICE: 12-8-0 Passed

Also voted 15-1 to leave to Rick Hartsman on who to retain as the CPA

The motion to deferred approval of the audit committee report from last week (per Dave Comacho). The motion was withdrawn until report from Independent auditor.

Art Strickler makes two suggestions as addition to the Audit Report:

-Listing in-coming Cash and checks

-Secretary have expenditures and receipts from each committee.

Keith Candell: wants to select only a few vendors for charge accounts to substitute "selected" vendor.

Art Strickler: raised question of who approves expenditures under \$100 and who should have access to what financial reports.

-Treasurer should not have to collect dues

David Comchao: Assistant Treasurer should accept and keep track of receipts.

Legal Rights Comm. Report (Richard Kelmans)

Rick Braum: raised the question whether we have lawyers giving legal advise? should we wait until we are incorporated?

Question called Vote, passed overwhelmingly.

Motion: No lawyers should be giving advise until we find out the liability question and have a report on incorporation.

Housing Committee Report:

Emergency Resolution: Oppose 421-a exemption until it returns to its original function.

VOICE, pass unanimously.

Resolution: Support Met Council positions (see attached rally notice & petition)

-Freeze all rents

-Repair & reclaim city owned buildings

-Stop evictions where tenants cannot pay rent

Amendment: Eliminate item three.

Richard Hartzman: substitute resolution, support Met Council rally but refer points to housing committee.

VOICE: Richard's substitute motion passed, 9-4

Announcement:

-Camille Abate resigned as deputy chair of campaign committee

VID- 9/17 mt.

-Joe Catrone appointed by Rick Braum to replace Camille
-Bob Cohen appointed by Rick to replace Steve Neil as community affairs co-chair
Both appointments were approved by the executive committee

Campaign Committee Report

Voter registration will continue until Oct. 9

Need approval of \$132.15 to CARRY campaign expenditure.

Vote: approved uniamously.

Treasure: -\$1,500 in campaign account.

-&7,000 in club account.

PEace & Foreign Policy Committee

Motion to sponsor MISA Oct. 21, 1984 celebration against intervention in Central America
and insert flyers and mailing'

VOIE: passed Uniamously

Adjourned 10: 45 p.m.