

D.I.D. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
4/30/09

PLACE: 125 Greene Street, top floor, between Prince & Houston Street

TIME: 6:30 PM

PRESENT: (Attendance was taken by the Treasurer because of the vote)

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE (District 1):

P.J. Kim, a member of Community Board 1, announced that he was running for City Council in the 1st District. He gave his background and accomplishments, and answered questions from the audience.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS:

The nominees for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, gave brief speeches about their background and experience. Sean Sweeney was running unopposed for President. Jeanne Wilcke was running unopposed for Treasurer. Zella Jones, who was running for one of the two Vice Presidential positions, along with Jim Stratton and Marc Ameruso, withdrew her name from this position but requested to be on the Executive Committee. Dennis Gault, who was running for Secretary against Diane Stein, also withdrew his name from this position, but requested to be on the Executive Committee. He had also been nominated for Executive Committee.

There was a discussion about adding Zella Jones to the Executive Committee. This could be done through a motion, but it had to pass unanimously. A motion was made to add Zella Jones to the Executive Committee. There was one vote opposed, so the motion did not carry.

Then there was a discussion about adding the following people to the Executive Committee at the next meeting:

Zella Jones
Richard Lehrer
Pat Moore
Harold Donahue

Last year the club had voted to limit the size of the Executive Committee. Jim Stratton pointed out that this motion had been for that year, and did not carry over into the by-laws. The club by-laws do not have a maximum number of people who can be on the Executive Committee. The purpose of the Executive Committee was to get enough people to do the work of stuffing envelopes and carrying petitions, and to have people who are knowledgeable about the club, and to be more democratic and open. One possible drawback to having too large a committee is that it might be harder to get a

quorum when the committee has to meet to vote on an issue. It was suggested that the club could try the expanded Executive Committee and if this did not work, it could be limited in the next election.

There was a motion to withdraw all the previous motions and to let these four people serve on the Executive Committee. This motion passed unanimously.

Since there was no contest in the election, the Secretary cast a single vote for the following club officers:

President:

Sean Sweeney

Vice President (2):

Marc Ameruso

Jim Stratton

Treasurer:

Jeanne Wilcke

Secretary:

Diane Stein

Executive Committee:

Gil Horowitz

Andy Neale

Arthur Gregory

Julie Nadel

Peter Gleason

Gayle Fried

Elliot Silber

Arthur Kriemelman

Rebecca Skinner

Dennis Gault

Zella Jones

Richard Lehrer

Pat Moore

Harold Donahue

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next DID Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Independence Plaza North Community Room at 310 Greenwich Street, 2nd Floor. Candidates for District Attorney will be speaking. There will also be nominations for District Leaders.

On Sunday, May 17, 2009 the DID will be holding its fundraiser at 125 Greene Street, top floor, from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at St. Anthony's Church basement, on Sullivan and Houston Street, the DID will hold its candidate endorsement meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was an announcement that Council Member Alan Gerson will be holding a Traffic Town Hall on Lower East Side traffic concerns on Monday, May 4, 2009 at PS 134. Someone suggested he hold a forum for West Side traffic issues.

There was an announcement about a building collapse on 71 Reade Street. It happened this morning around 6:00 AM. Cars were crushed, but if it had happened at a different time, people could have been killed or seriously injured. There were building violations and complaints about that site, and it is a dangerous situation. There is a need to monitor these construction sites.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Stein, May 3, 2009.