

Minutes – DID meeting, Monday, November 24, 2008 3:15 p.m. at Hallmark Residence in BPC

Attendees: Paul Epstein, Bob Healey, Sean Sweeney, Linda Belfer, Jean Grillo, Jeanne Wilcke, Catherine Hughes, Julie Menin, Rick Landman, Pete Gleason, Alan Shulkin, David Karlin, Margaret Chin, and a couple of dozen Hallmark residents.

All the seats were filled, as DID member and Hallmark residents renewed acquaintances or met for the first time. There had not been a meeting in the Hallmark since 2007.

Chair of the Hallmark PAC, Rita Morris, opened the meeting and introduced the DID president who gave a brief history of the club as well as its activities to some of the newer residents at Hallmark. Two candidates for City Council, Margaret Chin and Pete Gleason, as well as DID District Leaders Jean Grillo and Linda Belfer were introduced.

Then came the election for treasurer, to replace interim treasurer Adam Silvera. Jeanne Wilcke's was the only nomination and she was elected treasurer by unanimous proclamation.

Senator-elect Daniel Squadron appeared, thanked DID for endorsing and supporting him, and took questions mostly from the Hallmark residents, particularly on improved bus service. The chair of CB1 had suggested that they come to CB meetings to address any complaints and that is when the issue of poor bus transport opportunities for the elderly residents arose. The senator promised action. Subsequently, in a letter of 11/26/08 to the MTA president, Squadron requested a bus shelter for the M 9 and M20 bus stops and in a letter to the NYC DOT requested a study of curb cuts in the district, and to investigate lights burning 24 hours per day on West Street.

After about an hour, the meeting was adjourned.