

D.I.D. MEETING MINUTES
2/18/09

PLACE: 125 Greene Street, 5th Floor

TIME: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Sean Sweeney, Dan Treger, Arthur Gregory, Elliot Silber, Jean Grillo, Diane Stein, Suzanne Tecza, David Karlin, Jeanne Wilcke, Richard Lehrer, Jeff Gangemi, Pat Moore, Peter Gleason, Terri Cude, Alicia Beck, John Scott, Alan Schulkin, Allan Horland, Zella Jones, Susan Taylorson Zifflo, Harold Donahue, Ingrid Wiegand, Susan Barrie, P.J. Kim, Jesse Kasowitz, Paul Epstein, Tom Goodkind, Art Kriemelman, David Yassky (candidate), Eric Molly (with Melinda Katz), Melinda Katz (candidate), Sandra Pieden (with David Weprin), David Weprin (candidate).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Motion to have occasional D.I.D. meetings on Sunday evenings from 7-9 PM passed, though not unanimously.
2. Jean Grillo announced that there was going to be a demonstration of new voting machines on 2/25/09 from 6-8:30 PM at the Association for the Blind at 135 West 23rd Street between 6th and 7th Avenue.

GENERAL MEETING:

Council Members David Yassky, Melinda Katz and David Weprin, who are each running for Comptroller, came to the meeting to give their biographies and accomplishments, and what they would hope to bring to office. Then they answered questions, which were mainly about how they would deal with the city's financial crisis, including investment of pension funds, transparency, affordable housing, retraining laid-off workers in the financial industry, and the role of social activism in government. This meeting enabled the club to see how the candidates fielded questions and interacted with club members.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Stein, February 23, 2009.