

## DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2010

PLACE: 125 GREENE ST.

TIME: 6:30 PM

CHAIR: SEAN SWEENEY, PRESIDENT

### CLUB BUSINESS:

At the March meeting, nominations for club officers were submitted and finalized, tonight a vote will be held for all offices and the executive committee with the additional submission of Leah Kozak's name to be added to the slate of executive committee.

The Speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Silver was given the floor and spoke to DID about the budget, the on going progress at the World Trade Center site, the Fulton Transit Center and answered several questions from DID members.

Then the candidates for DID club president, Jeanne Wilcke and Mark Ameruso were given 5 minutes to make their case for the presidency. Candidates for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary all spoke briefly on why they are seeking their respective offices.

Ballots were handed out so members would have enough time to vote while continuing to listen to the elected officials who have come to seek DID endorsement.

The following elected official spoke to the club about their positions, their works so far, and answered question from club members:

1. Rachel Levin, state committeewomen for the 66<sup>th</sup> assembly district. No challenger so far.
2. Margaret Chin, City Councilmember for District 1, not up for re-election but came to thank the club for our work in the general election last year and look forward to continuing our relationship.
3. Assemblymember Deborah Glick of the 66<sup>th</sup> assembly district spoke about St. Vincent's closing and hydrofracking and the state of affairs in Albany.
4. Senator Daniel Squadron's Chief of Staff spoke on the senator's behalf because the Senator was away due to a death in the family.

Club members were given the floor to speak in favor of the candidates per club tradition. The candidates were sent out of the room for this portion of the meeting.

A motion to close balloting was seconded and voting for this year club officers officially ended. The votes were tallied, Jeanne Wilcke was elected by a substantial majority as club president, Adam Silver and Jim Stratton were elected as co-vice presidents, Sean Sweeney was elected as

Treasurer, Alex Li was elected as secretary, and the slate of executive committee members were duly elected as nominated.

District Leader Jean Grillo informed all present of DID sponsored Street Fair on Friday April 23. Representatives from NY Downtown Hospital will be with DID members to answer questions about Health Care Reform. In addition, Census and Voter Registrations forms will be handed out.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Li, April 26, 2010