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FFDC Executive Board (EB) meeting

2 February 2016

**EB members in attendance**

Posie Di Sesa

Devin Gould

John Wagner

David Menegon

Saul Nadel

Lynne Feibelmann

Frank Wilkinson

Michael Dillon

Abraham Salcedo

Teresa Malyshev

Adam Roberts

Kim Moscaritolo

**Other FFDC members in attendance**

Justin Kelton

Arlene Kayatt

Joe Strong

Lee Wiggins

Jerry Ferguson

Mac Roberts

Stephen Goldberg

Dillon opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the club to the first EB meeting, particularly those attending that didn’t win a seat on the board at the January elections but wish to become more involved in the club.

**Club finances:**

Current finances are $500+. Having meetings at bars instead of renting more formal settings saved the club money last year. FFDC has between 60-100 dues-paying members. John Wagner suggested that we open each meeting with a review of the club’s finances.

A request was made that a link to the club’s state board of elections filings (eight times a year) be available on the FFDC website. The request was approved.

**Meeting schedule:**

FFDC meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of every month. Exceptions can occur in order to meet the scheduling of our local representatives or other events.

The point was made that we probably don’t need meetings every month and we should intersperse our meetings with funevents. The board agreed to hold informal “get-together” meetings to watch the Democratic debates on 11 February and 6 March, as well as a Super Tuesday event on 1 March. Venues TBA. As Congresswoman Maloney is available to speak to our club on 3rd or 7th March, a motion was made to hold a more formal club meeting on one of these dates. The motion was approved unanimously.

The timing and location of EB meetings should be available to all club members.

**State races:**

A motion was made to make endorsements at the April FFDC meeting for civic court judges and other candidates in the upcoming June elections. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was a vibrant discussion of the panel process that selects people to elect judges. Some members of the EB voiced their opposition to being a part of this process. Others countered that the panel process is considered protocol in our district, and all judicial candidates should go before the panel. It was finally agreed that we should invite all judicial candidates to speak at a general club meeting, before we decide to endorse candidates. Someone with knowledge of the panel process would also be invited to speak about the process to FFDC members.

With regard to the state committee race, a proposal was made for our club to run both a female and male candidate.

**Club committees:**

Devon volunteered to lead an ad hoc policy committee.

David, Saul, Posie and Arlene volunteered to lead an exploratory fundraising committee. It was agreed that we need a major attraction at a fundraising event to expand the FFDC budget.

Jerry, Kim and John volunteered to set up a social media committee and use Twitter, Instagram and other media tools to enhance the FFDC ‘s reputation and awareness on the Upper East Side and beyond.

It was also recommended that a campaign committee be set up, given the number of elections this year.

**EB minutes:**

There was a discussion of how we keep club members informed about the EB meetings. A motion to set up a private group for EB members to review a draft of the minutes was passed. It was also agreed that minutes be posted on the FFDC website, after the draft version has been approved by the board.