**FFDC Executive Board Meeting**

**12 February 2017**

Adam Roberts’ House (435 East 79th St #12O)

***EB members in attendance***

Gabe Panek, presiding

Ben Wetzler

Lynne Feibelmann

Matt Lombardi

Jerry Ferguson

Teresa Malyshev

Saul Nadel

Arlene Kayatt

Frank Wilkinson

Adam Roberts (non-voting)

Kim Moscaritolo (non-voting)

***Other FFDC members in attendance:***

John Bartos

**1. UPCOMING EVENTS**

Day of Action, 18 February, 11am-2, in collaboration with Village Independent Democrats

Ben and Kim provided an overview of the upcoming day of action. Participants will register voters and provide information on how to connect with local representatives and on local democratic clubs. There will be three locations in the UES: 94th street entrance of Q (Kim), 86th street entrance to Q (Adam) and 72nd street entrance to Q (Ben).

Next General FFDC Meeting – 28 February, 7pm, Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 East 88th Street

Kim and Adam will discuss how to get more involved in local politics and run for local elections. One of them, or someone they designate, will educate members about the IDC and Indivisible. Gabe will invite Liz Krueger to address club members. Gabe will also invite someone from Make the Road, an immigration group, to speak at the meeting.

A suggestion was made to have snacks available at the meeting. If this is not possible, the Club should provide pizza at Ryan’s Daughter after the meeting.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

Gabe made a motion to include in the next FFDC email a call action for Gov. Cuomo to veto the bill that would overturn the NYC City Council Plastic Bag Bill. This call to action would be based on the Home Rule argument. The motion passed, 8 in favor, 1 opposed. [Update: Gov. Cuomo signed the bill].

Kim will circulate information about the Reproductive Health Act at the 28th Feb meeting. The Act was passed in the NY State Assembly but there is concern that it will not make it to the floor in the Senate (some members of the IDC are not committed to the Act). Club members will be asked to vote on an FFDC resolution urging the Senate to put the Act up for a vote.

**3. OUTREACH**

A motion was passed at the January EB meeting to allocate $200 for the printing of 5000 business cards. Adam will work on the design and Gabe will look at printing options.

**4. COMMITTEES**

Gabe will propose the creation of the following committees at the Feb. 28 meeting (temporary chairs are in parenthesis).

Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach (Teresa)

Major Events – FFDC events (Matt)

Social Media (Jerry)

Policy (John, Arlene, Kim)

 Sub-committee on climate change (Lynne)

Activism [based on the mission statement from the November 2016 general meeting outlining our four focus areas: women’s rights, jobs and poverty, climate change and electoral reform] (John)

The committees will be required to carry out work/activism that has been approved by the FFDC EB. In the email to members before the next meeting, the proposed committees will be listed and, time permitting, there will be breakout sessions based on preferred committee.

**5. SCHEDULING**

The next general meeting will be March 27.

FFDC will hold a monthly general meeting and a fundraiser in April. Dates and location TBD. There will also be two meetings in May to give members time to vet the candidates running for office in the fall. In early May, a forum will be held so that interested members can hear from all the candidates. In late May, members will vote to endorse public and party offices (candidates will be invited to speak again before the club at the second meeting). Meeting dates TBD.