* **Welcome** 
  + Introductory remarks by Club President Bridget Cusick
  + All minutes will be available online, both board and general meetings
  + Printouts of board meetings will be available at general meetings going forward
* **Congressional Endorsement**
  + All candidates were not present so started with some committee updates until all were in attendance
* **Committee updates** 
  + Bridget gave an overview of all of the committees (Policy, Activism, Events, Social Media, Diversity & Outreach). Dues paying members are invited to join a committee
  + Policy committee update from John Wagner:
    - The Club voted to endorse a [resolution](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/fourfreedomsnyc/pages/113/attachments/original/1518375379/Improving_Matching_Contributions.pdf?1518375379) supporting the passage of by New York City Council of bill [1130-A](http://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2637108&GUID=11C13B83-99DB-4671-AA99-CF5B5827BBF4) which seek to increase the power of small contributions in New York City elections through an increase in matching funds.
  + Activism Committee update from Kim Moscaritolo and Matt LoCastro
    - At its January 19th meeting, the Committee set a preliminary agenda for the year by by identifying two congressional districts to focus the club’s energy and resources in the 2018 midterm elections: NY-19, served by Congressman John Faso (R), and NJ-11, served by Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R).
    - The FFDC plans to support the campaigns of the Democratic candidates that will oppose these incumbents.
    - Read more on FFDC’s blog post [here](http://www.fourfreedomsnyc.org/activism_committee_picks_congressional_districts_for_2018_focus).
  + Paused committee updates to resume Endorsement
* **Congressional Endorsement (resumed)**
  + Candidates: Carolyn Maloney, Suresh Patel, Sander Hicks (proxy sent)
  + Intros by each candidate
  + Questions posed from dues paying members:
    - What is the most important issue to address?
    - How can you protect the integrity of elections from both foreign and domestic influences?
    - How can we best defend an independent judiciary?
  + Club Discussion and Deliberation
  + Vote
* **How New York Can Deal with Its Coming Tax Hilt**
  + Former Club President [Devin Gould](http://www.fourfreedomsnyc.org/r?u=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fdevindgould&e=ec78ce0c571ba3964932f7291e566058&utm_source=fourfreedomsnyc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=feb_endorse&n=2) spoke about legislation that New York could pass to circumvent the harsh impact on New Yorkers of the the GOP Tax Law.
  + Q&A followed
* **Report of Endorsement Result & Comments from Endorsee**
  + Club voted to endorse Carolyn Maloney
* **Committee Updates (resumed)**
  + Events Committee updates from Adam Roberts and Matt Lombardi
    - FFDC had a successful holiday party, with 120 people in attendance
    - Planning for the spring fundraiser has begun. Date TBD
  + Social Media Committee updates from Jerry Ferguson
    - Committee is developing a playbook of strategies for posting content
    - Forming a closed Facebook Group for Club Members
    - Creating a club Instagram (@fourfreedomsnyc)
    - Updated logo and website coming very soon. Board has selected a new logo.
  + Diversity and Outreach Committee updates from Tricia Shimamura
    - As March is Women’s History Month, we will be hosting a panel of women leaders to speak at our meeting.
    - The next Committee meeting is at 6:30 on Thursday, February 15h.
* **District Leader Updates**
  + Ben Wetzler
    - Ben and Kim will be hosting biweekly phone banks in conjunction with IDC NY. The first one will ideally be next week (week of February 19th). Location TBD.
  + Kim Moscaritolo
    - Ben and Kim will be hosting a [Community Forum on Empty Storefronts](https://www.facebook.com/events/141785826516888/), featuring: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer;  Andrew Fine, East 86th Street Association; Justin Levinson, Vacant New York. They will discuss the causes of the problem, explore possible solutions, and answer questions.
    - Kim hosting her [Second Annual Galentines Day Fundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/events/409335746171901/) on February 13th.
* **County Committee Rules Committee Update** 
  + Club Executive Board Member, Pierre Ratzki, who represents our District on the Rules Committee of the New York County Democratic Committee, reports on efforts to bring greater transparency, accessibility, and integrity to the county party through rules reform.
  + Full updates can be found on [our blog](http://www.fourfreedomsnyc.org/county_rules_committee_debates_rules_reform).
* **Member Time**
* **Closing remarks from Bridget**
  + All upcoming meetings are on the FFDC website from now through July:
    - March 13
    - April 9
    - May 8
    - June 11
    - July 10
* **Adjourn**