

Four Freedoms Democratic Club
November Executive Board Meeting
November 12, 2019
7:00-8:30pm
Home of Jerry Ferguson & Teresa Malyshev

Minutes

Attendees: Frank Wilkinson, President; Jerry Ferguson, Vice President; John Bartos, Treasurer; Alex Bores, Corresponding Secretary; Arlene Kayatt, Matt Lombardi, Teresa Malyshev, Ilyssa Fuchs, John Wagner, Members-at-Large; State Committee Member Lauren Trapanotto, State Committee Member Adam Roberts, District Leader Kim Moscaritolo, District Leader Ben Wetzler, Ex-Officio Members.

Absent: Pierre Ratzki, Recording Secretary; Esther Yang, Flor De Maria Eilets, Members-at-Large.

1. Introduction

- a. President Frank Wilkinson called the meeting to order

2. Events

- a. November 18th meeting agenda:
 - i. The Youth Board wants to do a presentation on educational equity (30 minutes)
 - ii. Kim will invite Keith Powers to speak to the Club about his efforts to expand access to the specialized schools (the subject of his recent op-ed)
 - iii. Kim will also reach out to Rebecca Seawright to see if she would like to give the Club a legislative update
 - iv. Ben will reach out to the Fair Elections group to speak about elections reform efforts and what to expect from Governor Cuomo's commission
 - v. Jerry will invite Carolina Rivera to speak to the Club about her efforts to curb off-hours construction (5-10 minutes)
 - vi. Pierre will update the Club on the latest reform efforts at the County Committee Rules Committee (15 minutes)
 - vii. The Club will take Nominations for Officers and Board members (5-10)
 - viii. The Education Committee will present its resolution on school Foundation Aid funding
- b. January 22 meeting agenda:
 - i. The Club will hold its elections for Officers and Board members
 - ii. The Club may also hold its Congressional Endorsement vote
 1. Last meeting, the Club voted to endorse, but to give the Board the power to choose a date for the endorsement
 - a. January is the best choice timing-wise
 2. The Club hopes to have a forum, wherein the candidates can debate and answer member questions, before the endorsement
 - a. No surrogates will be allowed

- b. Kim will reach out to Carolyn Maloney for scheduling purposes, and Jerry will coordinate with Draesal Hall on available dates
 - c. February meeting agenda:
 - i. The Club will hold an endorsement vote for State Legislative races
 - ii. The Club will also nominate candidates for Judicial Delegates and Alternates
 - iii. The meeting should also include an agenda item/speaker appropriate for Black History Month
 - d. Spring Fundraiser
 - i. The Events Committee will pick a date for the fundraiser by end of the year
 - 1. The EC will also debate the following question: should we lower the entry price for members to make sure more can participate?
3. Committees and Working Groups
 - a. Activities:
 - i. We will be transitioning to elections focus next year, for which Ben and Kim will take the lead
 - ii. We should also form a committee and/or working group to focus on the elections
 - b. Leadership:
 - i. Social media – we should recruit someone else for the position
 - ii. Transportation – could use a co-chair
 - iii. For each working group, we should ask them to have a clear action plan for their resolutions between now and the end of January
 - iv. Everyone on the board should think about potential co-chairs
 - v. Ideally, there should be a board member liaison on each working group
 - 1. We'll have a board meeting directly after the January board election and assign liaisons
4. Promoting member engagement:
 - a. We will create a list of all members' contact information and divide it between the Board, with the goal of reaching out to every member and asking about their experience in the Club, what we could do to improve, and so on
5. Adjourn