

Four Freedoms Democratic Club

Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 7pm

Attendees:

Gerry, Erica, Adam, Jeremy, Alex, Ben, Lauren, Amy, Ruth, Jon, Kim, Ruth, Flor, Arlene, Marina, Frank

- Proposed Agendas for upcoming 2020 Meetings:
 - October
 - Zephyr is not available to speak, but Stringer is available
 - Concerns: Do we let Stringer come in and speak as a candidate, or as Comptroller? We shouldn't let him speak as a candidate since we are still in 2020 races
 - AM Rebecca Seawright
 - Give her a chance to generate interest in her campaign, how to support her
 - Will she be taking questions? YES
 - District Leaders FAQ on Early Voting and Absentee Voting
 - Elections Working Group Report: the final push
 - Rule of Law Working Group Report: organizing to Protect the Result
 - Education Working Group Report
 - Other working group reports
 - Officer and Board nominations
 - Presentation of Constitution revisions
 - November
 - Vote on Constitutional Amendments
 - Officer and Board Elections
 - Anything Else?
 - Not sure we will have time for anything else- will depend on whether we are having contested elections
- Endorsement Schedule
 - Should we do City Counsel Endorsements in December
 - With the new accelerated primary schedule/spring primary, this means that petitioning starts at end of February in terms of endorsements
 - Frank thinks we should do the citywide in December, then BP in January, and City council in February
 - Most people in the meeting tend to think Mayor should be last, and wouldn't talk directly to us—it would be more of a joint event with other clubs
 - January:
 - Early: Party office (DL, JD) which could be quite a few people depending on any deals made or not made
 - Later: BP, do something collaboratively
 - Are we going to need to do 2 endorsement meetings in January and 2 in February?
 - Do we want to collaborate with other Clubs in endorsement meetings and, if so, which ones
 - We need to do these on Zoom

- Kim will reach out to other DLs to try and organize multi-group (including East Harlem!)
- Constitution changes – need to approve at this meeting so that we can circulate in our notice of annual meeting
 - The attached PDF shows a redline of the differences between the current Constitution and the redline presented at our last meeting
 - The attached Word document is the version presented at our last meeting with additional changes that we discussed at our last meeting relating to endorsement votes and ranked choice voting
 - We will propose to the amendments to the board in Monday’s newsletter
- Election and voter awareness events
 - Participation in phone banks
 - Biden-Harris (Wednesday at 6:30 targeting PA)
 - Would really like to get more board members involved
 - Delgado
 - Literature Drop for Max Rose
 - Matt is working on it and will update when plans become more concrete
 - Day of action?
 - Marina obtained 500 masks from the NYC government that we can distribute; could we incorporate distribution of masks into a voter awareness event?
 - Kim offered to lead phone bank for Rebecca, and then do a day of action focused on absentee voting
 - But, do DoA on the 18th, and then do phone bank on the 25th closer to the election but still waiting to hear from Rebecca’s campaign
 - Other
- TShirts/Sweatshirts
 - Let’s make a final decision on the proposal that Marina made
 - I have heard a suggestion that we should use a union garment seller
 - If anyone has a proposal from another seller that sells union produced shirts and sweatshirts, I request that it be circulated before our meeting so that we can consider it and have a final vote
 - Erica, Jeremy, Kim and Marina will pick design and provide costs
- Fundraiser
 - Promotion: registration is good but we need a stronger push (at \$5,500 NOT including cost of wine)
 - Let’s see board members step up and participate
 - Where we’re lagging: election officials/candidates for higher office
 - Engagement of participants
 - We need to try and think about to draw in people where this will be their first experience with us
 - Breakout rooms,
 - Ruth raised a good point of having a point of contact for any issues when registering
 - What if you don’t want the wine (what?!)
 - It’s being conveyed informally
 - Shipping wine: events committee will follow up with those who registered to confirm their shipping address
- Guardian Angles Flier: number of them on second avenue in the 80s to recruit them and patrol the UES
 - Ben will email Powers and Kallos and give them a heads up

- \$750 donated to PA busses/vote blue group
 - no busses, obviously but there are local groups still trying to do local organizing like lit drops, limited door knockers, lunch for volunteers, etc.
 - consensus is to leave the money with Vote Blue