

Four Freedoms Democratic Club
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
7:00pm

Attendees: Amy, Erica, Gabe, John, Matt, Marina, Jeremy, Jerry, Ruth, Flor, Jordan, Kim, Frank, Alex

Treasurer's report on the Small Dollar Fundraiser and the current financial status of the Club (attached)

Upcoming Meetings

- November
 - Procedures for Board Elections
 - How much time should candidates have to speak?
 - We would do this in addition to candidate statements submitted
 - In terms of speeches/questions: questions shouldn't be candidate-specific for the at-large candidates
 - Last time there were 4 pre-approved questions that each candidate answered one at a time
 - Decision: solicit questions to be submitted in advance, pick from those
 - Jordan will make a google form that will go out in the next newsletter
 - There is discussion back and forth as to whether there should be speaking time AND questions, or just question. We are putting it to the vote of the board
 - Option 1: No question, longer period for remarks (2 mins)
 - Option 2: 1 min for remarks, 3 questions selected from submissions
 - VOTE:
 - Option 1 passes with 8 votes
 - Constitutional Amendment
 - We believe this should be able to go to a voice vote
 - Resolution of the Redistricting Working Group
 - We can do this while the votes are being counted
 - But...who will count the votes?
 - In the past, we've appointed 2 groups of 2 people to count the votes separately
 - We can decide the day of who will count
 - Presentation from Brad Lander?
- [We don't have a December meeting]
- January
 - Panel on Budget Process and How We can Impact it
 - Proposed to pair it with an event, like a post card writing

- Erica offered for the Invest in Our New York to do a presentation on what we are focusing on: spending/transparency/advocacy
- It was raised that we need to decide on whether we are endorsing statewide candidates
 - The State Committee has its convention where members will vote on who the state committee will endorse
 - There's debate on whether our state committee reps should be deciding with the club on who to vote to endorse
- The third Thursday of Feb is the 17th... petitioning starts on March 1st
 - Reports from Committee Chairs and Working Groups
- February
 - Black History Month Speaker
 - This could also be a separate event than from our monthly meeting

Endorsements

- If we want to do a gubernatorial debate, we will most likely have to partner up with other clubs
 - We can also do this for the other statewide positions
 - UES, East Harlem, etc.*not* going south!
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- Part of monthly meetings or separate events?
 - Many of us liked the meet and greet opportunities, over zoom and in person
 - We could start these as early as December

Holiday Party

- Looking at 12/14 (a Tuesday), looking into Ryan's Daughter
 - But, we need a commitment that we won't be sharing the space with the owner as we had to last time. It won't be safe
- Some mentioned the Ale House, because it was a great space for our small dollar fundraiser
 - But, we filled it with 50 people
- Kim has already talked to Ryan's Daughter owner very tentatively about getting the same deal we've had in the past, and he said we could. Kim is happy to reach out and confirm we can get the space exclusively.
- Matt needs pre-approval to do a bar tab and food
 - Budget: \$2,000
 - Vote: Approved unanimously

Code of Ethics

- Erica and Jerry made some comments
 - They used the wrong version, but we'll add them to the most recent version
- John had some suggestions, so he, Jerry, Erica, and Flor will work together via email

Trip to Jersey City:

- The liberal candidate didn't get enough votes to make it past a runoff, so Kim and Ben we're thinking of coordinating a trip to door knock a bit

Q train escalator:

- The escalator has been out for months
- We should reach out to the MTA

Motion to Adjourn // Seconded // Adjourned