



December 7, 2022  
Membership Meeting

Acting President, Betsey Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:00pm where a quorum was met. We began with a welcome and announcement of our holiday toy drive to benefit Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. Betsey shared information about our Unity Democratic Club holiday party and fundraiser on 12/21 and a recognition of our website launch.

Jackey Gold gave a brief commemoration of Pearl Harbor where members shared family members names who served in the war.

#### Elections Committee and Vote on Amendment

The Chair of the Elections Committee, Aryeh Kalb, shared the upcoming process for club elections. The nominations for club officers will be held on January 18 and elections held on February 1. More information will be shared soon on the nomination and election process for those wishing to run for an office. The current list of officers consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of Strategy, Chair of Organizing, Chair of Membership, and Chair of Communications.

Aryeh introduced the following amendment, seconded by Jackey Gold, which passed with unanimous support:

#### Article IV

4.1. All procedures and rules in the first election meeting of UD shall be determined by the election committee.

6. ELECTION OF UD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS: Officers are elected at the General Membership Annual Meeting by eligible voting members at the annual meeting of the general membership. Whichever candidate receives the most votes wins that office. Votes shall be tallied by three UD members chosen by the President.

#### Committees Presentation

Acting Vice President, Danielle Guggenheim, presented the descriptions of committees available to join by all members and encouraged everyone to join at least one. The current list of committees consists of: Executive Committee, Political Affairs, Organizing & Data Committee, Communications Committee, and Governance Committee. More committees may be formed after the upcoming elections.

Special Guest Speaker, Stanley Fritz: New York State, Political and Campaigns Director for the Public Policy and Education Fund and Citizen Action

Members heard from Stanley about the results of the New York State midterm elections, the implications for how it affects constituents of the NW Bronx and beyond, and how we got here. He gave an inspiring speech about the importance of being in community and listening to our neighbors about what they need to feel engaged in the democratic process. You can follow Stanley on twitter @StanFritz.

#### Elected Official Presentations

District Leader Ramdat Singh invited members to speak with Senator Robert Jackson on December 15th from 6-8pm at the Van Cortlandt Library, 3882 Cannon Pl. He also shared information about the Bronx Dems Holiday Party on December 20th at 6:30pm at Con Sofrito, 1315 Commerce Ave.

State Committee Member, Morgan Evers, spoke next. She shared updates with members on a concerted effort to hold the NY State Party accountable for the failures from the midterm election results. As a result, she, along with other state committee members, elected officials, county committee members, and more crafted and signed on to a letter calling for the replacement of Jay Jacobs, the chair of the New York Dem Party. She also announced an op-ed that will be published in the Riverdale Press sharing more about the reasoning behind the letter and its importance in holding our party accountable.

#### New Business/Announcements

The Unity Democratic holiday party and fundraiser will be held on December 21 at Bronx Public at 6:30pm. Ugly sweater and/or holiday attire is encouraged. There is a suggested donation of \$30 to help grow the club and you can make a donation at:

[secure.actblue.com/donate/udholiday](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/udholiday).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Meghan Wasserman