

UNITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/RETREAT FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Home of Betsey Knapp (3299 Cambridge Ave, apt 3A, Riverdale)

In attendance: Betsey Knapp, Danielle Guggenheim, Scott Wasserman, Madeline Ritter, Aaron Stayman, Gayle Snible, Michael Vilanova, Meghan Wasserman, Morgan Evers, Ramdat Singh and Abigail Martin. We were joined by Julie Gallanty, a nonprofit governance consultant, who facilitated the meeting.

Betsey called the meeting to order shortly after 10am.

The agenda for the meeting, prepared by Betsey, as president, was as follows:

1. Develop organizational goals for next two election cycles
2. Develop goals for committees
3. Review position roles, responsibilities and how roles will work together
4. Meeting schedule for the year
5. Procedures for developing meeting agendas, EC communication and endorsements
6. Speakers, electeds, organizations and issues for the club to engage
7. Relationship with other organizations

Julie asked us to step back and clarify the organizational Purpose and Vision Statements. We separated into breakout groups and generated the following ideas for defining our purpose:

- Open to all Democrats
- Dedicated to an open electoral process
- All people want to be seen; more important than ideology
- Welcoming and engaging
- Building community
- Representation
- Educating and building the electorate
- Empowering; power
- New Wave Democrats

We then worked as a full group to define and refine our final Purpose Statement:

The Unity Democratic Club welcomes all Democrats in the NW Bronx to build community power through active civic participation.

Our vision is to accomplish the following:

- **Endorse winning candidates**
- **Reach (through membership increase and public awareness) more people from all neighborhoods in the NW Bronx**
- **Re-elect District Leaders**

