



## Board Meeting June 6, 2023

**Attendees:** Jerry Ferguson, Amy Schwartz, Debra Freeman, Gabriel Panek, Jill Eisner, John Bartos, Jordan Stein, Kim Moscaritolo, Kit Morrison, Matthew Lombardi, Robert Jackman, Erica Vladimer, Ben Akslerod, Rebecca Weintraub, Alexandra Dolce, Frank Wilkinson.

- **Treasurers' Report**
  - Kim to place the next apparel order by Friday
  - Balance \$26,054
- **Replacing Ben A. on the Board** - Flor to replace Ben.
- **Upcoming Meetings**
- **June 15**
  - Climate and Environment Working Group planning a panel discussion with two speakers re: benefits of composting, recycling.
    - Timing: 7:15 pm start, speakers 10-15 min each, Q&A of 20 min
    - Prep
      - Amy to provide the policy agenda and description of Serrano's bill by Friday.
      - Working group to try to have a resolution in support of Serrano's bill by Friday.
    - Promotion discussion (alerted Carl Schurz Conservancy)
  - Resolution in support of establishing a Commission to Explore Reparations?
    - Michelle Winfield state committee member active in reparations to establish a commission to study reparations.
    - Legislation pending in the State. Potential for this to pass before the meeting.
  - Working group updates for getting members involved from the groups that have a pitch (Amy to check in with the various leaders to see if they have anything)
- **July**
  - Assembly Member Seawright Discussion Equal Rights Amendment
    - Promotion: Newsletter, FB, etc.
- **September**
  - Confirm Roosevelt Island Sanctuary location, board approved funds for deposit.
  - Speakers: Senator Krueger, Council Member Menin, and potentially Roosevelt Island Community Leader
    - Jill / Alexandra to reach out to RI folks to see who can attend.
  - Members will try to poster RI to promote the meeting.
  - Promote at Roosevelt Island Day with flyers.
- **October**
  - Senator Gillibrand. Gabe to follow-up with the Senator's team.
  - August BBQ likely at Reif's
  - Potential family event in September or the fall
  - New members day event in October (try to get people out to volunteering for candidates)
    - DLs will organize election efforts in 2023.

- Put in Newsletter we are looking for service events.
- **Technology update**
  - We are getting complaints from people on the zoom. Exploring Owl camera and Mic
  - IT team was concerned about the size of the room and recommended getting the extension mic (even with mic only about 20-25 ft range)
  - 30-day return policy. We will get a demo.
  - Board Approves up to \$1500 on the device.
- **Other Upcoming Events**
  - Roosevelt Island Day
    - Club to have flyer and promote RI meeting.
  - Upcoming Street Fairs
  - Rally for Arts Education
    - Originally scheduled for Thursday but rescheduled for Thursday June 15th - and promoted through brochure distribution at street fair, on social media, and email outreach.
  - August Community event
    - see October/August
  - Community Service Drive/Fundraiser and/or Volunteer Event-for Fall
    - see October/August
  - Social Event for New Members (and possibly also Potential Members Considering Joining) [Fall]
    - Thinking October
  - Possible Reproductive Rights event
    - pushed
  - Promoting Code of Ethics
- **Promoting resolutions**
  - Should we send a letter with the resolution after passing
    - pros: We should promote our resolutions, East River found it very useful, makes resolution more powerful
    - cons: more work, sometimes the resolutions are vague
    - Board votes to go forward
  - Who will send the letter
    - Board agrees it will come from president and co-chairs of the committee
    - We will get Four Freedoms letterhead for it
  - Who will make the template for the letter
    - Amy and John will come up
    - We will not require specific legislation
    - ry to post Working Group meetings on website calendar
  - Promoting working group meetings/ integrating working group activities with resolutions
    - Updating Latest News
    - Review "campaign for Candidates." under "Get Involved"
- **Website updates**
  - Send to Jordan, Gabe, Kim or Ben to put stuff on the website
- **DEI Committee: Update on status**
  - Jerry reported he had a potential lead. Debra has her contact information and will share it with Jerry.