

## MYD General Meeting

4/21/2009

- I. Meeting called to order 7:06
- II. Introductions
  - a. Going to PS 450 after (across the street)
- III. Report from Electeds
  - a. President
    - i. NYSYD
      1. We are a subchapter
      2. Benefits
      3. Events – Trip to Six Flags 7/11
      4. Borough “Road to Gracie Mansion” Panel
        - a. Will be later this year
        - b. Looking for volunteers
      5. Aug 5-9 YDA convention Chicago
        - a. Elections
        - b. Delegate form
    - ii. Political Update
      1. Today is Bronx election day!
      2. County committee etc. elections this year
      3. Scott Murphy – 273 votes ahead!
      4. MTA Bailout
        - a. Fares going up next month
        - b. Join the Transportation committee
      5. Marriage Equality
        - a. There’s a bill on the floor
        - b. It will pass the assembly/not state senate
          - i. Asking for more openness in process
          - ii. Online petition coming soon
      6. Honorary Members
        - a. Albert & Shannon
      7. Educational Issues Committee
        - a. Sign up in the back 10 members get a mtg
    - b. VP
      - i. Marriage Equality and Senate Openness
        1. Announcements on Rules Reform
      - ii. Project X – County Committee – Project 989
        1. Elected seat for you in the democratic party!
        2. Great second step after voting
    - c. Treasurer
      - i. Membership Form! Yay!
      - ii. Next level of membership
        1. Grow MYD! VIP of MYD
    - d. Secretary

- i. T-Shirt Contest – will be extended
- ii. Taylor to put up new blog post

#### IV. Directors

- a. Communication – Beth
  - i. Re-branding Project X into Project 989 “Take your seat”
    - 1. Handing out fliers
    - 2. Email [comm.@gomyd.com](mailto:comm.@gomyd.com) for pdf (online also)
  - ii. New tag-lines
  - iii. Reaching out to bloggers about Earth Week
    - 1. Albany Project
    - 2. Intro letter to bloggers/media
    - 3. Newsletter and feedback
    - 4. Video out tomorrow
- b. New Media – Chas
  - i. New website/online presence
    - 1. Picture of the week
    - 2. Blog posts etc
    - 3. Place where anyone can go to learn about NY politics
  - ii. If interested contact Chas
- c. Finance – Nitasha
  - i. Fundraiser tomorrow
  - ii. Internal controls for the money
- d. Events – Dara
  - i. Earth night
    - 1. Free lightbulb
    - 2. Drink specials
    - 3. Speakers
    - 4. Great space
- e. Community Service
  - i. Hands on NY day
    - 1. 12 people already signed in
      - a. Clover Lake State Park
      - b. \$20
      - c. Sign up soon
  - ii. University Soup Kitchen
    - 1. Sign up online
  - iii. AIDS walk
    - 1. May 17 Central Park
  - iv. David worked at Xavier HS every Sunday – Soup Kitchen

#### V. Issue Committees

- a. Creating Policy Documents
- b. Housing and Poverty
  - i. Next meeting May 11
  - ii. Mitchell-Lama Public Hearing on Thursday
- c. Economic Issues
  - i. Next meeting Tuesday 4/28 at 20<sup>th</sup> St Starbucks

- ii. Primary thing is policy document
    - iii. Focusing in on the issues on the Policy Doc
  - d. Environment
    - i. Discussion panel last night
      - 1. 25 people despite rain
      - 2. Take aways – Environmental issues are political
    - ii. Next Meeting - Monday 7pm at Starbucks
      - 1. Choosing Focus
        - a. Green Roofs
        - b. Asthma
      - 2. Volunteering Committee
  - e. Healthcare
    - i. Next Meeting - Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm
      - 1. Reproductive Health issues
      - 2. Environmental Health Issues
      - 3. Nutrition/obesity/fitness
      - 4. Aging issues
    - ii. Attended Healthcare for All Rally
      - 1. Collected several hundred names to send to DC
  - f. Foreign Affairs
    - i. Meeting Third Thurs of every month next meeting 5/14
  - g. Transportation
    - i. Meeting Fourth Tues of every month next meeting 4/28
- VI. Member time
- a. Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA)
    - i. Lobby Day to go to Senate
      - 1. Next Tuesday 4/28
    - ii. MENY.org
  - b. Looking for volunteers for City Campaigns
  - c. Gilda's Club NYC – Ovarian Cancer Group
    - i. Just lost a huge grant
    - ii. Emotional support
    - iii. April 30 Bungalow 8 \$42
  - d. Show of hands who gets the MYD Emails
    - i. Trying to get people to read the newsletter
  - e. Wed after Memorial Day
    - i. IAVA Fundraiser at The Tank
    - ii. 4 Musicians
- VII.Meeting Adjourned 8:04