



MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Twelve Members were present. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.

Discussion of Business Issues and Strategies:

- Campaign Finance – Voter Owned Elections:
 1. Progress on the campaign to get Governor Cuomo to include a campaign finance system
 2. Progress on the City Council letter to Cuomo
 3. Campaign Finance: update on NYC bill
- Speak Up New York Online database of civic and activist outreach groups
- CANY Memorandum and memo action page fastens on concept of Voters Not Donors, petition signing, bloggers who will take up the gauntlet for public financing
- Viability of public financing questioned by media and press
- Campaign Finance: report on the NYDD meeting.
- What's going on with Albany: Common Cause discussion of non-partisan judiciary and corruption issues
- Taking the country back from the Right Wing
- Other Issues: Budget, Social Security, Healthcare, local events, community endorsements of Islamic Community Center near WTC
- Peter King's hearing on "Islamization" of American Muslims and NYNAV's potential counter hearing
- Point and counterpoint re Governor Cuomo's budget and corporations, grassroots campaigns, Millionaires Tax pension negotiations
- Growing NYC vis à vis various coalitions
- Governor Cuomo's proposed budget cuts to education and health care, hospitals, and organized opposition, plus discussion of the many hospital closures during last 50 years, and CANYC proposal in progress about the need for "progressive" tax cuts with respect to Medicaid and contacting Racial Disparities Taskforce at CANY
- Forthcoming activist events and counteracting corporate fascism with successful organizing, including trade union organizing
- Potential for organizing an event with Senator Bernie Sanders
- Citizen Action of NY Annual Conference, our most exciting statewide meeting in years on June 4 – 5 (www.justiceworksnny.org) requires outreach to labor unions and outreach letter for sponsorship; discussion of impact on 2012 elections. Conference contacts: Attendance, Jessica Wisneski; Finance and Sponsorship, Charlie Albanetti. Materials available soon.
- Program Committee report on planning, beginning program series in March (6:30-8:30 p.m. during work week; light refreshments, short presentations with well-known guests such as Jerry Nadler and Anthony Weiner with Q&As, issue updates; action planning; other chapter business; target audience 50+ people, CANYC board and active members, mailing list names, donors, others; leaders from key allies and partners:
- Potential titles, venues and programs for this series
- Internet Strategy Committee: report progress towards a CANYC website page on www.citizenactionny.org and local page on Facebook to serve membership outreach
- Members in attendance, new prospective members, officers, CANY member-at-large from CANYC State Board representing CANYC and annual annual meeting to select at large members.