



MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2011

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

Issue Agenda: Public Financing of Elections

- Senator Addabbo's clean elections bill
- 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals nixes provision that would guarantee additional funding for candidates are running against a higher spender
- Encouraging City Council members Brewer, Van Bramer, Rivera, Schneider to introduce a bill guaranteeing public financing of elections bill
- Helping Alliance for Quality Education in fight against upcoming budget cuts
- Strategies for Citizen Actions Annual Conference – Conference of Progressive Organizations on June 4 – 5 in Albany, and technical and organizational details for this complex 1,000 person progressive conference, resulting in common message, common tactical plans and chapter building, i.e., growing our membership (who is our target audience) based on past experience, we need to raise \$15,000.00.
- Discussion of dues and fund raising pitches and level of concentration, using the value proposition: we do election work, issue based work and we are statewide, leveraging and involving sustaining members with incentives such as well-known guest speakers
- Proposal to extend the retirement age will extend unemployment among young people, and Social Security is a Citizen Action issue. Social Security has a life insurance component
- Program Committee selected, online strategies considered
- Discussion about Health Care and Medicaid in New York and the need for a NY health care exchange
- NYS Insurance Department and Banking Department are merging and NYS Insurance Department is staying
- Discussion about scheduling events and promoting them using a phone bank
- There are 47 sustaining members in NYC
- Legal enforcement avenues for corporate and nonprofit accountability
- Medicaid Matters – only consumer representation on Medicaid Redesign Committee