

## **NY Coalition for Open Government Meeting 5-5-22 Minutes**

**Present; Roxanne (Bronx) new, Maria Tisby, Joe Kissel, Casey Jones, Michelle A., Caitlin C.,Carol, Pat Irving, John Fisher, David, Larry, Sonia Dusza, Janet Vito, Lawrence Vito, Paul Wolf. Recorder Alberta R. absent and these meeting minutes prepared from video.**

**Meeting called to order on zoom 6:30pm by President Paul Wolf. Due to no quorum being present initially, first three items on agenda delayed.**

**Calendar for Year;** On page 6 of Agenda

**Open Meeting Law Committee;** Meeting minutes attached to agenda on pages 8-9. Joe Kissel, Chair spoke re May,18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting 11 am and 2 Candidates committed to be present. R. Asterino, Republican and Thomas Suozzi, Democrat and speak re open meeting law.(7 invited, others did not respond) Please share link to register for this event. Action item...Paul to send email re discussion of Casey Jones Open Meetings Law reforms.

**April 7, 2022 meeting minutes;** Motion by Pat Irving to approve meeting minutes of 4-7-2022 made by Pat Irving and seconded by Maria Tisby. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report;** Motion made by Pat Irving to approve Janet Vito's Treasurer's Report and seconded by Joe Kissel. Motion carried. 71 members with 24 counties represented with newest being Clinton County. There is \$4,573.12, in our account.

**National FOIL Dues;** NY Coalition for Open Government joined National FOIL Coalition last year. Sonia Dusza made a motion to join same this year at annual dues of \$250.00. Motion seconded by Michelle A. Motion carried.

Benefits of membership are seminars, monthly news letters, and opportunities to connect with others interested and active with OML and FOIL.

**FOIL Committee;** Meeting minutes are on pages 10 and 11 of agenda packet. Chair Maria Tisby states meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1 pm held to discuss use of private emails for public business. Also looking at new web-site developer who would charge \$3650.00, which was tabled at this time by consensus.

**Question of forming new Committee for Public Relations/Education;** Motion made to take off tabling and return to discussion by Michelle A. and seconded by Paul Wolf. Motion carried 6 to 2.

Motion made to form Public Relations Discussion Group by Michelle A. and seconded by Paul Wolf. Motion carried. Casey Jones, Michelle A., John Fisher, and Caitlin C. interested in this group. Much discussion about what to call group, and "Discussion Group" was settled on.

**New Business;** Attorney David Siffert is working on language for forming new law. We will hear from him in future as he had to leave this meeting.

Continuing planning of rally in Niagara Falls City Hall May 25 6 pm where Mayor is calling emergency meeting where citizens are not allowed to speak. The Members of the Council have not objected except one. Since business is discussed at the meetings held with little notice, there is little left for regular meeting and they are now being cancelled. Come at 5:30 pm and bring signs.

**Motion to end meeting at 7:47 pm made by Maria T. and seconded by Janet V. and carried.**

**Next general meeting on zoom June 7 at 6:30 pm.**

**Next OML meeting June 19 at 4 pm on zoom.**

**Next FOIL meeting June 26 1 pm on zoom.**