**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN REFORM DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 10, 2021**

**By Zoom electronic communication.**

Present: Paul Ellis, Bruce Feld, Ellen Feld, Mitzi Finley, Michael Friedman, Martin Galvin, Michael Heller, Jerald Kreppel, Randi Martos, Helen Morik, Ivan Nedds, Heidi Schwartz, Kate Theobald, Bill Weitz, and Robin Weinstein. Guest: Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

President Michael Heller called meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Michael discussed club calendar and general meeting of March 24,

Congressman Jamaal Bowman has been invited to discuss his resolution regarding the Care Economy. We discussed the process and agreed to put the resolution on the club’s website with a link to the club’s agenda mailing when the congressman can attend.

We were brought up to date on the City Council special election of March 23 and the activities regarding BFRDC-endorsed candidate Eric Dinowitz, e.g. canvassing, phone banking, campaigning.

Committee members engaged in an extensive discussion regarding potential endorsements of citywide candidates for Mayor and Comptroller as well as Bronx Borough President. All agreed that endorsements by the absentee ballot two-step process would be too difficult to undertake again. We might consider electronic voting but maintaining security and accuracy would be required, and are questionable. Amendments to the bylaws to adopt these voting method changes would require two consecutive meeting approvals. Members would be required to request a link to voting similar to requesting an absentee ballot.

We will continue discussion at our April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Minutes by Helen Morik