

Pending committee approval

ELCA Committee Minutes of 3-22-22 Meeting
Held on Zoom

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Constance Barnes
Sebastian Chittilappilly
Moses Esema
Judy Green
Myra Joyce
Rita Procter-Lowe
Martin Wolpoff

AFFILIATION

Chair-ELCA Committee
CB8-Committee Member
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Community Committee Member
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GUESTS

David Gellman
Peter Pamphile
Araceli Farciert
Gladys Gomes
Alma C
Cristal Rodriguez
Leona Tetem
Ira Charles Levenberg

CB8
Van Cortland Library
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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes of February 22, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

The Chair opened the discussion for the FY2024 Budget Priorities submitted by the principals of some of our local schools. The committee will prioritize and present during our April meeting.

The Chair shared some information regarding the loss of 120,000 students during the pandemic. Ex-Mayor de Blasio kept the funding for schools at pre-pandemic level and Mayor Adams is cutting funding to schools to reflect the present attendance. Only 50% of students have been vaccinated. Queens College and La Guardia College will be teaching STEM program to underserved students. Charter

schools are in their lottery phase for admittance to students for the September semester.

The Chair announced that the Mitzvah Project is finally moving forward. HS368 has a volunteer social study teacher to work with Roger Grunwald to present his one man zoom presentation RKA has not yet gotten back to us, but the chair will follow up.

Three members of LINKNYC-Literacy have been coming to all ELCA meetings and the Chair asked them about their literacy program. They gave a brief overview and have offered to prepare a presentation to present to the committee and community at our next meeting.

The Van Cortlandt Branch Manager was in attendance and shared the good news that the in-person programs are again available and branch libraries are open.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, ELCA Chair