

December Business Meeting – 12/5/10

- 1) Guest Speaker: John Garrido, Candidate for 45th Ward alderman
 - a) Chicago Police Lieutenant for last 20 years
 - b) Attorney as well
 - c) Speaks of Opportunity to make real change here, and put a new face on our party
 - i) Stalwart for public safety
 - (1) Not enough police officers out.
 - (2) Gangs are expanding in his ward
 - ii) Currently being challenged by party hacks; they see him as a threat
 - (1) Trying to catch him on a fruitless technicality—hearing tomorrow at noon at 69 W. Washington, downstairs.
 - (2) Brian Matos, our 37th Ward candidate (and CYR Communications Direct!), has a hearing upon being challenged tomorrow at 5 p.m., same location
 - iii) Looking to expand efforts in terms of phone banking and community outreach
 - (1) Needs CYRs volunteers to make calls,
 - iv) Visit his website at www.johngarrido.com
- 2) Shawn Heely: CYR & Resident Scholar
 - i) Director of Professional Development of the McCormick Foundation - Discussion of the Foundation's soon to be released Civic Health Indices for Chicagoland and Illinois Focuses on homelessness veterans issues, and journalism
 - ii) Shawn himself focuses on civic issues, especially teaching
 - (1) Chairs a State Civics commission: "Put civics back into schools."
 - (a) Voting, volunteering, and community building
 - (2) Discussion of community organizations – how close-knit groups within communities have withered away over several decades
 - iii) Voter registration and voter patterns
 - (1) In Chi, turnout went down 2004 to 2008 (surprisingly)
 - (2) Still, turnout high among those who have registered
- 3) Presidents Announcements: – Reminder to pay dues, lots of lapsed members, or renew now OR you can purchase membership as a gift for a friend
 - a) Nice holiday gift to the CYRs! Help us get a jump start on our operations for municipal elections and presidential stuff
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - a) Membership
 - i) Announcement of new team: Cathryn Biga and Laura Lewandowski
 - ii) Small Groups Meetings set to resume in February
 - iii) Renewal effort
- 5) Political Action
 - a) Short election cycle: Need to get to work where we can
 - i) Needs volunteers! Talk to Jim to get involved
 - b) Operation BlogYR
 - i) Commenting on blogs/articles: This stuff actually matters!

- c) Member Only Dinners – last week of January; location in the loop.
Announcements TBA
- d) New office space set to open this coming week: Irving Park and Lincoln. Details forthcoming!
- 6) Events – Dec. Happy Hour. Wed. Dec. 15 at McGinny's in Ol Town
 - a) Collection for Operation Mitten: Bring mittens
 - b) Jan. Happy Hour fundraiser with guest bar tenders – want to bar tend? Talk to Jacque
 - c) Ice Skating Outing tentatively planned
 - i) In Millennium Park near the bean!
 - d) Feb. Valentines Blood Drive
 - i) Specifically to the military. More details forthcoming!
- 7) Multimedia / Creative – Member Videos Continue –
 - a) Chat with Erica if you want to be a CYR celeb
- 8) Technology
 - a) Content Managers, bloggers and committee members needed.
 - i) Contact Katy at kkeich@chicagoyrs.com
- 9) IPI holiday party – Wednesday at The Library 40th Floor 190 S. LaSalle \$30 for apps and drinks (pre-purchase. \$35 at the door).
 - a) Peter Roskam will talk about the pressing issues and shenanigans in Washington and what they mean for your life in 2011
- 10) Operation Homefront: The Joynt (560 N. Dearborn) party benefiting– Dec 21st, 6-10pm, \$15 with winter clothing item donation; volunteers potentially needed; come talk to Meredyth if interested
- 11) Sarah Palin watching post-meeting!