

1. We began our meeting with today's speaker, Tara Lujan, who is the representative for District 48.

a. Redistricting begins 12/6 for two weeks and the hope is to have the maps done by 12/16.

b. Tara is working on the child testimony bill trying to make it a statute because last year the problem was that

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legislators said there already was a law about this issue. The new bill attempts to eliminate multiple examinations of the children who need to testify. This new bill would allow parents or guardians to request alternative means for testimony but it would be at the discretion of the judge to allow that. There is an appeals process.

c. Tara is also working on modernization of the legislature. This a difficult task because many members don't want it to be modernized. She believes that term limits would eliminate many of the problems.

Sandy suggested that the New Mexican should write an article about the changing demographics of our state legislators. Jana will draft a letter to the editor concerning this.

d. Representative Lujan also mentioned that the Governor has a 50 year water plan.

2. Rachel Feldman was the next speaker discussing the new proposed social studies curriculum which is now opened for public comment. She feels it is an excellent curriculum and will be sending out a summary of it as well as actions that

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and others can do to help this be implemented. Once our member receive Rachel's packet of information please disseminate it to friends and relatives all over the state.

NOVEMBER 12th from 1-3 PM at the Education Building is the

public hearing on this proposal. We need people to attend this meeting to push back against the Republicans who will be against it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM