

Indivisible SOS Meeting Notes  
**February 14, 2022**

**Process/Internal Communication/Other Business**

Sandy shared an email from new member Chris Waddill that demonstrate some of the internal communications issues we're having. Newer members don't necessarily understand how things work and need more support. Sandy wants to create a more effective structure and try to avoid crossover of issues between committees.

Chris signed up for Hold House+Senate committee but hasn't been contacted. Ricann apologized and said she's behind in this task.

Jana said that we need to make sure and carve out enough time at each meeting to review committee business.

Dottie suggested we hold a new member orientation every few months, especially because we've got so many new people joining. The orientation should include what's on the website and how to use it. Older members can join if they'd like.

We might also consider a mentor program in which one older member is paired with a new member to answer questions and provide support. A number of members are willing to serve in this role.

There was a short discussion of the website including making the password simpler, other pw issues, where is CD2NM on the site, promoting the site to drive traffic, including the URL under our individual email signatures.

Next Monday, 2/21, after our regular meeting (11-12:30) the leadership team will meet with committee chairs plus one additional member from each committee. This is a newly instituted, monthly procedure to keep everyone on the same page.

Postcards from Teresa Leger Fernandez campaign are expected this week. We've got volunteers for 2,600 and will be writing 2,500 so Sandy will adjust numbers.

Sandy reminded everyone that there is a statewide Indivisible conference on April 29-30 in Albuquerque and on May 1 our regional director Lauren Oertel will lead a deep canvassing workshop in Abq's South Valley. Lauren will join us for a brunch at Sandy's house on Monday, May 2.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Dottie presented highlights of 2021 financials and answered questions. We currently have almost \$9,000 cash on hand between Nusenda checking, ACTBlue, and petty cash. See attached narrative and spreadsheet.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Rachel** (Civil Rights/Other)

Republicans pulled a trick over the weekend so the Senate couldn't debate voting rights bill. The bill probably will be heard today. If it passes, it will need to go to one House committee and then to the governor.

The judiciary and finance committees are jointly meeting to pass a package of crime bills. One rewrites law enforcement academy structure to create two boards: training and certification. It also creates a new database for reporting excessive use of force by police – this is something we've wanted to see.

The Senate passed the budget yesterday but it has not yet appeared online. They added about \$150m and Rachel hopes it includes money for immigration, law enforcement academy and other issues we care about. Rachel will try to find it and read it.

With the ACLU and other groups, we succeeded in killing bad crime bills. The pretrial release bills were terrible on civil rights. On one of the bills Sen. Gail Chasey and the judiciary committee replaced all the bad language and made the bill benign.

The hydrogen bill will have a hard time getting through the Senate. There's nothing we can do about it now. We can discuss this with Sen Liz Stefanics when she speaks to us on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The state Public Education Department finalized our social studies curriculum. They didn't cave on a single thing and in fact made improvements to the regulation, taking into account more than 2,000 comments. This is a really wonderful thing. There was a discussion about how we thank PED staff and the 64 teachers who worked so hard on these regulations. Rachel needs to do some checking but the consensus was that we should write a thank you letter and ask that it be circulated to all involved.

**Ricann** (On behalf of Elizabeth Fryer, chair of Climate/Environment committee)

There are a half dozen environment-related bills floating around, including hydrogen. Our hope is that the hydrogen bill will be killed.

HB127, to move nuclear waste here and then elsewhere, is a dangerous bill and needs to be killed. A discussion about this bill ensued, including issues of federal vs. state control. The proposal is to bury highly dangerous nuclear material in shallow containers in southeast NM but the state has to permit these sites. Sandy said it behooves us to track this bill. It was suggested that we mail HB127.

**Jan Cohen** (Wildlife and other)

Jan attended meeting with Rep Matthew McQueen on Saturday. He is against hydrogen production but he is being pressured by Sen Heinrich to change his mind. Jan suggested we write a letter to Heinrich about this. Jan will draft a letter from herself and the group thanking McQueen for his work on environmental and other issues.

Senate Joint Memorial 2, biodiversity strategy, probably won't get heard this session. It's a great document; Jan suggests we read it.

House Memorial 49 provides money from NM Game and Fish to do what the livestock industry should be responsible for – protecting livestock from wolves. Jan says this is a bad bill but probably won't go far.

Sandy will send handwritten notes to senators and representatives after the session.

Members need to give Sandy names of who we want to thank and why.

**Cynthia** (Immigration)

Cynthia doesn't yet know if the immigration support we've advocated has made it into the budget because the document is not yet public. She thinks we'll know tomorrow or Wednesday. The predatory lending bill is very important. Cynthia is also following a bill that will make it easier for New Mexicans to sign up for health care.

Rachel said there are memorials on paid legislature that are going through the process.

Sandy encourages members to go to [nmlegis.gov](http://nmlegis.gov) to watch debate on the floor of the House and Senate.

Next week we will discuss the lessons we've learned during this legislative session and how we can streamline the process in future.



## **2021 FINANCIALS SUMMARY**

*See attached itemized spreadsheet*

### **Income**

A total of \$7,856 in cash contributions were received last year from 58 members, or about 73 percent of total membership at the time. This sum includes \$1,789 earmarked for the new website.

Total member giving was down by approximately 5 percent from 2020 (\$7,856 vs \$8,256) but the number of members who gave increased by 18 percent (58 vs 49 in 2020).

In addition, many members donated toys, clothing, health and other supplies to immigrants and indigenous New Mexicans.

From national Indivisible, we received \$1,500: a \$500 grant for our website and \$1,000 in matching funds. Indivisible also reimbursed us \$1,955 for expenses associated with our dinner meeting with Somos Un Pueblo Unido and lunch money that we fronted for several Indivisible chapters in New Mexico.

Excluding reimbursements, our total income in '21 was \$9,490, a 15 percent increase over 2020.

At year-end, we had \$4,663 in cash on hand, compared with \$3,658 at the end of 2020.

### **Expenses**

Our two largest expenses were postage/postcard printing (\$4,162), primarily for the CD2 campaign, and development of the new website (\$2,281). Excluding reimbursements, our total expenses in 2021 were \$7,357 or about \$1,900 less than in 2020.

### **2022 Income**

Between January 1 and February 12, 2022, 62 members contributed a total of \$6,344. We now have a total of \$8,847 cash on hand, including funds to be deposited into checking and transferred to our ACTBlue account.

### **Notes**

Nusenda credit union is where members' checks are deposited; we are free to spend these funds as we wish. ACTBlue, the repository for members' online contributions, is controlled by Indivisible and certain spending is prohibited.

As of early January, Indivisible no longer charges a fee for online gifts. This represents a considerable savings to us, as they were deducting 10 percent of every contribution.

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## financials

January 1 - December 31, 2021

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
<b><u>Income</u></b>						
Member dues (net)	1,880	2,229	1,023	2,724	7,856	
Non-member contributions (net)	0	23	0	111	134	
GROW grant	0	500	0	0	500	
Reimbursements	0	0	0	1,955	1,955	Somos evnt, Door Dash, Reprod Rghts Rally
Indivisible match	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
	1,880	3,252	1,023	5,290	<b>11,445</b>	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>						
Website	0	1,034	133	1,114	2,281	
Postage/postcards	688	53	3,339	82	4,162	
Group social supp/food	131	0	0	278	409	
Other supplies	0	31	174	429	634	\$429 deposit 1/2 t-shirts
Thank you gifts		100	0	266	366	
Donations	0	0	50		50	Espanola Humane IMO S Spencer
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	1,380	1,380	Door Dash gift cards for Indivisib (reimb)
Deposit to open bank acct	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	
	849	1,218	3,696	3,549	<b>9,312</b>	

<b><u>Cash on hand</u></b>	<u>a/o</u> <u>7-6</u>	<u>a/o</u> <u>10-7</u>	<u>a/o</u> <u>1-3-2</u> <u>2</u>	<u>a/o 2-12-22</u>
Nusenda credit union	3,352	736	2,49 5	4,721
ACTBlue/True Link	2,235	2,27 7	2,07 6	4,034
Petty cash	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
		3,06	<b>4,66</b>	
	5,638	4	<b>3</b>	8,847

**Website project**

Member contributions (included above)	1,789
Non-member contrib (included above)	23
Indivisible national (included above)	<u>1,000</u>
Total raised	2,81 2
Actual cost	<u>(2,28</u> <u>1)</u>
Surplus	531