

## 4/25/22 NOTES

### SOS General Membership meeting

10:02 called to order by Sandy.

1. Our statewide Indivisible Conference is this coming weekend in Albuquerque. Announced the conference, and that we eat at 6 at Pappadeaux and meet at after O'Neill's for the Meet and Greet.

At one of the workshops at the conference, Sandy will be answering the question, "What makes our group sustainable?" She posed this question to us as a group. We went around the room for that and we all gave input:

*Leadership, social aspect, speakers, reaching out to others and accepting new people, commitment, welcoming regardless of how we contribute, gave us hope, inclusivity, women, relational, organization, taking small actions that have an impact, focus and direction, we get things done, gotten recognition in the state, policy oriented, male ego avoidance was also mentioned, substantive interaction with smart people.*

2. Sandy asked for more participants for the first discussion group that Trudy and Peggy volunteered to lead. This one will be about school board raging across the country. Rebecca Dow is running on this school rage issue. A few more people agreed to come.

3. Brunch! On May 2nd we will be meeting from 9:30 to 12:30 to celebrate Lauren Oertel, our senior regional organizer and Maggie Toulouse Oliver. Maggie will speak from 9:00 to 10:00 following our short business meeting and Lauren will talk about Indivisible's strategies for November. Please consider joining in person for this get together! Only way to enjoy the food! Please let Monica Gilboa know what you are bringing! 11am food, need to know how many coming in person so there will be an RSVP.

3. Also please put July 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for our catered summer social, courtesy of Indivisible national. Stephanie Feldman has agreed to chair this event - this is the chance old and new members get to socialize with no business meeting! This is all about fun!!!

4. Endorsing Candidates: We agreed to donating \$500 for each of the candidates being primaried including: Roger Montoya, Andrea Romero, Susan Herrera, and Christina Ortiz. We have a financial campaign happening for the purpose of donating to candidates for the primary.

Rachel is up on endorsing candidates, and she talked about officially endorsing candidates with a strategy. This year especially, primaries are key, for offices like the Sheriff, Attorney General and several state reps. Rachel suggested writing up statements on each candidate with reasons to vote for them and to send it out with a sample ballot. We would send out to 100s of people and ask them to forward it in a

broadcast type system. This was done in 2018 and might have elected the sheriff last time.

Retake Our Democracy published their endorsements which are long and take time to go through and read.

The Attorney General race was asked about by Cindy who has an opinion on this race. Rachel suggested making a presentation to the group. A group will be getting together, to include: Cindy, Ricann, Chris, Marti and Sandy.

5. Jana did a show and tell on the website. She talked about Action Items that include letter writing and phone calling to our elected officials. Many Action Items include links to make that easier to take action. Jana showed us take action links, with the forms provided. For the Governor, the President and state and local reps. Most pages include a link to find your representatives. We talked about the main calendar, which is public facing and shows our speakers, as well as the members calendar, which has dates for upcoming social events. We are wanting to raise comfort for use of our website.

6. Our Speaker today was Andrea Romeo. Andrea graduates law school in May. Her district includes Aldea, Las Campañas, Espanola, 4 pueblos.

Many State legislatures are being hijacked from the people. State House provides for holidays, retirement, roads, schools, etc.

The House delivers the first budget, Many changes are in the works for our legislature with new districts and a new speaker.

We have the only unpaid legislature in the country and legislators have to run every two years.

Andrea is chair of rules, parliamentarian, consumer and public affairs, which is often called the kill committee as they kill terrible legislation goes to die.

Thinks about youngest and oldest members of community.

Advocacy, emails are helpful in supporting decisions. Texts are also helpful.

Door to door work is most effective. Two opponents, Henry Roybal, backed by Harvey Yates, not filing how much money raising, Ryan Salazar, newcomer also running. GOP opponent but a democrat will likely win.

17<sup>th</sup> easier than 7<sup>th</sup>? Marti pointed out the 7<sup>th</sup> is before the 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Q. The Governor is going ahead with the Avangrid merger, I think it is terribly wrong.

A. She will be appointing the PRC as well after November. They were changed from elected positions to appointed positions e wanted professionals who really understand

the issues, we can find qualified individuals to recommend. Governor is pushing Hydrogen and Avangrid and coming to speak to Indivisible conference. Sandy advocated for Ezra to go first, but she will go first. We can't stop her when she's on the podium. Andrea, we need to re-elect her and have difficult discussions with her. She talked about finding common ground with the governor. Senator Duhigg is the parliamentarian on the Senate side.

Q. Sandy asked about dealing with the right-wing anti-abortion and anti-education policies, what is a good strategy to combat it.

A. Being good community members and explain good policy and leadership as we have been isolated. We have to retake our communities.

Q. Marti mentioned her getting significant money into the house budget on issues she is supporting, financial economic justice, food, shelter, cash to those in need, families, immigrants, etc.

A. Budget items can be done rather than bills at times, 25 million is 2% and will be provided for housing, that did require a bill. Federal dollars have been coming into our states.

Q. Sandy is a commissioner on health and human service health policy and planning committee. Joseph Montoya, director of Housing Authority, spoke to that group and what they plan to do with the trust fund, is not for people in need. There are things the group has been shocked to hear. He is opposed to pallet houses with heating and tiny houses which are the newest idea for solving homelessness, he wants tents. We need to let him know we are watching, we need to engage with him in conversation.

A. Two of Santa Fe's homeless shelters are in Andrea's district. She knows first hand that shelters are at risk due to neighbors. There is an historic housing crisis.

Last minute items:

1. Canvassing. Chris talked about the importance of canvassing. Pam commented that weekends and evenings are better to find people home and when some of us are available.

2. Elizabeth asked about lawn signs,

3. Those attending the conference talked about meeting at Nativo Lodge, where some are staying and decided to go to Papadoux's for dinner, 5pm.

Adjourned at 12:18pm