

MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2018

DURANGO INDIVISIBLE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: KATHY BARRETT, BILL BURRELL, MARGARET COZINE, BARRY CREANY, NANCY FISHER, DEEDEE HARO-BROWN CELIA VILLA-GUILLEN, & JIM WATT

Kathy Barrett began the meeting at 4 pm and asked for Dee Dee Haro-Brown to bring the members up to date on the recent addition to the rolls of several new citizens, including Lili Hernandez, Marisela Jarquin, and Mariel Balbuena, in our community . They participated in the workshops arranged locally by Companeros and Durango Adult Education to assist applicants in the process to citizenship.

Kathy continued by reporting on her recent trip to Phoenix where she was heartened to see the level of activity there on the behalf of the un-documented people, including a visit with locals to an ICE detention center.

It was suggested we might well issue a CTA with respect to Senator Bennett's "Keep Families Together Act" and Kathy will email members links to the legislation. The members agreed we should ask for a CTA. Kathy will see to it.

Nancy Fisher shared information about a recent gathering, sponsored by the ACLU at the Federal Marshall's office in Durango to protest the separation of children and parents by ICE at the border. Susana Jones alerted us to the event, but there was limited publicity for the gathering, Nancy was heartened to see there were about a dozen people present. Apparently, the ICE office is nearby, but they are a little shy about advertising their location, so much so, those present were prevented from photographing the locale.

Nancy was also present at Rosa Sabado's first year anniversary in sanctuary at the Mancos United Methodist Church. Rosa, Nancy said, asked for a "verbena" gathering, a community fair featuring food, entertainment and party surprises, including a cross decorated by "milagros" or small charms with attached wishes for miracles great and small. Nancy reported that Rosa's legal efforts for "special legislation" in congress will be delayed at least another six months, after the November mid-terms. Barry Creany remarked that Karl Hanlon, Democrat candidate for the 3rd district, at a recent gathering listed immigration reform as his first priority and he is on board with Rosa's efforts.

Nancy concluded by calling our attention to The People's Resolution: Creating a Path Forward for Immigration, an effort Rosa is a co-sponsor of, saying there are links to the the resolution at [rosabelongshere.org](http://rosabelongshere.org). After some discussion the committee agreed that our committee should endorse or support it and list the committee's continuing efforts as the action to be taken.

Kathy will be completing the on-line sign-up to make the endorsement public. Individual members were advised to make their own endorsements if they choose. There was some discussion about forwarding the Resolution information to the Indivisible membership. Kathy volunteered to see to this. She also agreed to contact Barbara McLachlan to request her support of the resolution.

It was confirmed that the article Barbara McLachlan wrote from interviews with DACA recipients had been published in the Herald, thanks to Barry Devine's efforts on behalf of our committee.

We need Danny Quinlan's 30 minute presentation on immigration, first on the agenda, at the next Indivisibles General Meeting. There was some uncertainty as to when that may occur and if it would be after he resigns as director at Los Compañeros (to be as soon as a replacement for him can be identified, hopefully before the end of July). Margaret Cozine agreed to talk to Danny and the Indivisibles leadership and report back.

After general discussion, the committee agreed to "table" the proposed visit to the La Plata County Sheriff until after the election.

Kathy asked about the status of drivers' licenses for un-documented workers and the members generally agreed that CIRC had managed to get a bill through one of the Colorado houses, but that it is not yet signed into law. This raised the issue of locating or tracking legislation. Kathy suggested that we should all look into this matter. This error was corrected in a mailing from Nancy since the desired driver's license law is in place. One member suggested FCNL.org might be a starting point. Dee Dee deHaro Brown agreed to keep in touch with Senator Bennett's Dreamer Legislation and immigration reform.

At this point, Nancy Fisher notified the committee that CIRC was presenting training for volunteers to monitor ICE, supplying the necessary information and procedures involved. The location is in Montrose, CO on July 7-8. Two persons from UUFD are already signed up and will be driving up. Nancy can send interested members the necessary sign-up information. It will be an "overnight" because it's a two-day workshop.

Nancy also returned to the matter of Danny Quinlan's resignation from Compañeros ED and called on members to suggest candidates. Of course, to be considered one must be fluent in Spanish and English. Nancy says there are, at present, two candidates, but they would like to have more. She can also supply interested people with a more complete job description and she'd send it via email. DeeDee offered to contact Sherina at ElCentro and Emma Salazar with LatinoX to spread the job description information. Kathy will ask Molly Weiser, Title 9, Officer to do the same at FLC.

The point was made that we all should try to check websites concerning relevant legislation, such as DACA and the Bridge Act. Kathy will send out some helpful websites. The Herald Polls were not addressed.

Our new member, Barry Creany, introduced himself and his legal background including experience with immigration cases.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 after approving the minutes of the April 20, 2008 meeting and setting the date of the next meeting for July 20, 2018 at Celia Villa-Guillen's apartment. Margaret agreed to facilitate for the next meeting.