

Indivisible Durango – Feb 18th Meeting, 12 noon to 2 pm

Durango Public Library

Welcome – questions will be handled at the end of this meeting

- 1) Mission Statement – Promote Values of fairness, peacefulness. Don't reinvent the wheel. Issues focus, Initial letters to the editors which got more members.
- 2) Recap of Recent Events: has been 1 month since Women's March in Washington-organic evolution: like this group which has organically evolved from 23 people to now 460 members. Visits to MOC's offices: Senator Michael Bennett (John Whitney, staff) on Jan 24th, Rep. Scott Tipton (Darlene, staff) on Jan 31st, and Senator Cory Gardner's office on Feb 14th. Indivisible has asked these three MOCs for a Town Hall meeting.
- 3) Leadership Team Intro: Patti Dione out of town today, Ann Emigh – MOC monitors, Bonnie Schmidt-has been attorney, Kathleen Adams-Media person, Julie Daugherty – Committees' Coordinator, Shauna Agnew – hosting and membership, Margaret Fretwell – hosting and MOC monitor, Jeff Karraker (from La Plata Dem Executive Committee), Mona Wood-Patterson-Social Media, Doug – Tech Help, Google Groups on hold right now.
- 4) Recap/Photos/Thank You's to Speakers for MOC Office Visits, both Tipton and Cory: great collaboration. "First 100 days" movement, a few people here, Jan 13th 100 Days' Strater Hotel Event. Jan 27th Tipton's Office –was covered by the NYTimes and Daily Kos (150 people), after this meeting, Darlene, Field Representative went on a 2 month leave of absence (which was pre-planned).
- 5) Legislative Class (Michael Diccio) – we will likely have more of these in the future, Michael is congressional expert, has 2 colleagues who focus in other areas-legislation and psychology. This Indivisible effort is not a sprint, it's a marathon and a relay race - -

6) Announcements

a) Introduce Candidates:

City Council: Chris Betton, Melissa Youseff both new progressive candidates. Dean Brookie re-running for City Council, accepting help with his campaign. Announcing next Tuesday at Powerhouse, listens, is practical.

LPEA Board: Rachel Landis, Katie Waller, SASCO – Sustainability Alliance of Southwest CO – started Local First, Farmer's Market, a hub for Sustainable Org's – Green Drinks last Thursday at Carver's at 5 pm – 10 min speakers, but

mostly networking. Climate and Energy – Events and Education to LPEA Board. LPEA Elections- 4 districts (Have one candidate for almost every district)– increase voter turn-out! 2014 got progressive majority, got 3 new solar gardens. Conservatives out-funded progressives during elections, so in 2016 got conservative majority Board, turned into rubber stamp board. \$70 million goes to Denver each year for coal mining. Need grassroots volunteers plus \$\$\$. Commit to talk to 10 people about voting, announce mid-March, kick-off party March 16th, 5 pm at Carver's, then March 30th. Mid April find out LPEA results.

b) Events Announcements:

- Sat 2/25 – 10:30 -12:30 ACLU Reproductive Health at Durango Library.
- Holly Metzler: Mock Town Hall Pagosa Springs 2/25, Pagosa Lakes Property Owner's Association, Tipton was invited. Bring thought-out questions, will be given to all MOCs. Indivisible@pagosa.com.
- Welcome the Stranger March 4th, (Immigrants) Farmington Museum 11am-1pm. Tipton/Gardner in Alamosa March 4th, for Republican Women's Convention, \$30 ticket for dinner. Working on details for our own counter-event. MOCs have planned no Town Halls in CO during Legislative Recess. Conference Call for District 3 Indivisible members, Holly and Deb are participating. We're stronger together.
- Liza Tregillus, Social Justice Committee for Unitarian – 2/19 12 noon-2pm,
- 2/22 Spanish Speakers 5 pm Danny from Cumpaneros, and Psychologist from, inviting by word-of-mouth, Bowman Hall next to UU, San Juan Drive.
- Our First 100 Days "Teach-In" Event at Powerhouse, 3/1 5:30 - 8:30pm
- Legislative Lowdown League of Women Voters, 3/11.
- March 15th Postcard Protest: Mail one or more postcards to the President, telling him what you think: President Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20500. Post photos of your postcard(s) at #TheIdesOfTrump.

7) Indivisible: Emailing only for specific calls to action. Mona helping with Facebook so membership can share comments and opinions. 1 call to action/day, + 1 inspirational/day. Turn anger into empowerment. Volunteers can work on different levels, and at times that work for them. Next meeting March 18th, 10 am – noon – earlier in morning does work better for Sat people, will probably be at Fairgrounds.

8) Writing Letters to Editors (LTE's) Sign Up – Julie & Susan Atkinson: Voice your view, how to write effective LTEs. 1 hr class, will offer to this group, set date and time. Worked with Citizen's Climate Lobby -12 letters/month. Will give in Cortez, at FLC. Democracy demands participation. Influence social change through LTEs. Newspaper Staff may come to class. Many people are interested in this class, Sat morning. 2 clipboards, give name/email address, then Susan will set time and place. Look at title on clipboard.

9) Media Volunteers (2) for Kathleen Adam

10) Organizational Overview – center is Team Leaders, in future want the Calls to Action to come out of committees. Liason to the Democratic committee, but more inclusive than Democrats. Communication/Action, Monitors will link to all issue committees. All issue committees liason to work with other local groups in Durango (don't reinvent the wheel). We're based on the Indivisible Guide, developed by MOC staffers – right now, resisting, but in future, want to drive the agenda, and drive some people out of office.

11) Julie- Committees: self-driven organization, committees focus locally, and also on national issues (brought to us by Indivisible). Actions to effect change. Collaborate. MOC monitors liason to each committee. Each committee liason to local community groups. Driven from the ground up, committees are the experts.

Last month, people signed up on different committees – grouped like issues together, ie Government Processes, also Health Care and Mental issues work together. Gun Safety and Domestic Violence joined. Pick the issue you're most interested in today. Julie's Responsibilities to committees: help with communication, organization, work with chairs and co-chairs directly, will give them her phone number. Will steer new members to appropriate committees. 'Slack' is new Google, working with Doug on this, avoids text/email in shared forum. Google G-mail contacts, will share with chairs and co-chairs. Full Transparency – everyone know what everyone else is doing, for now, monthly meetings. Committees decide when and where meet, identify liason people, communicate plans to the leadership team. What are your priorities, we can't do everything, may have to postpone some things. Monthly report to whole membership meetings.

1st Steps for Committees – Chose chair and co-chair, have listed on committee sign up sheets on board. Set up working structure, identify top areas of interest, how

report to whole group, recruiting? Actions. 3 liasons, one to MOC, one to local groups, one to La Plata Democrats. Indivisible will give legislation info to Leadership Team, who passes on to MOC and committees, 2-way communication.

For Issues: THINK: T – is it true?, H- is it helpful?, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?
For events: What, who, when where, why and how.

Break into Committees – Review list of members – get accurate phone and email info. Chose chair and co-chair, Discuss working structure, date, time and place for next meeting. 3 liasons – can be done later. Return committee list to coordinator.

Liza – post Immigration in Spanish on Facebook.

Kenny B has wireless speakers and microphones. Will help us with our future events and MOC visits. durangodj.com KennyB@durangodj.com

Future Agenda – need candidates for 2018, school board, County Commissioner, replace Tipton – get candidate soon – we were too late with Gail Schwartz.

Legislative Class – don't just work on Fed level, work State and local.

State's Rights is now a democratic agenda. CO can be example to other states. 2020 Census, re-draw the district lines for voting.

Sweetie – we elected Democrat Barbara McLachlan to be our State Representative – keep her in this office!

Does CO have a request line for questions/issues to state legislators? Have in AZ, Indivisible is now taking over. Julie – we'll answer later, MOC committee research.

COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS: Those present chose their favorite issue from a list of 16 issues, and divided into Focus Groups to organize, pick chair(s) and liason(s), and discuss ideas.

CHAIR/CO-CHAIR REPORT: See Julie's document of which groups elected which Chairs and Liasons. Julie will also know what Issue groups' next meeting days & times are, will get this info from chairs.

Q/A: Indivisible recruit younger people? Committees' responsibility - approach local groups of young people with the questions, "What are you doing now, and how can we support you?" Ana Moran present, knows young people at FLC.

END OF MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn A. Hunter, Secretary

