



Indivisible Springfield Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2018 | 6:30-8 p.m. | First United Church of Christ
Leadership attending: Brad Miner, Cindy Young, Tracy Roberts, Melinda Barnhardt

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. The group set norms for future meetings including: Be early and on time, cell phones out of sight, jargon giraffe, be present (active listening), step-up step-back, one mic, assume best intentions, use your own voice, come from a space of love.

Overview of Midwest Institute:

Brad gave an overview of the Indivisible Midwest Regional Institute held February 24 and 25 in Columbus and attended by Brad, Cindy, Tracy, Melinda and Teena. The Institute was an intensive, interactive training session for Indivisible group leaders from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia. Indivisible Springfield leadership who attended were all very impressed with the quality of the classes taught, the trainers and the materials. Leadership will be hosting a one-day retreat for all Indivisible Springfield members to share what we learned. The **Indivisible Springfield Retreat** will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 | 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at First United Church of Christ and will be open to all members of Indivisible Springfield. More information will be made available soon.

Troy Meet the Candidates:

Tracy announced that there will be a Troy Meet the Candidates: April 11, 7:30-9 p.m., Troy Jr. High School, 556 N. Adams St., Troy. There was some question about who was sponsoring it and its format. Meet the Candidate night, sponsored by Leadership Troy Alumni, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Junior High School cafeteria.

The forum will feature candidates in the May 8 Primary Election, including: Democratic Representatives to Congress, 8th District, including Bill Ebben of West Chester, Vanessa Enoch of West Chester, Ted Jones of Piqua, and Matthew J. Guyette of Greenville. There is no Republican primary race.

It will also include Republican candidates for State Representative, 80th District, There is no Democratic primary race in the 80th District.

The media panel for Meet the Candidate night includes representatives of MyMiamiCounty.com, Troy Daily News, WPTW Radio, and WTJN Radio. The event will be broadcast live on Troy Community Radio 107.1 WTJN and on WPTW 98.1 FM and 1570 AM.

Tom Dunn, LT '96, will be the moderator. Written questions from the audience will be accepted and presented by the media panel. Jack Hoekstra LT '08 will be timekeeper. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will last 90 minutes. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Indivisible Springfield Meet the Candidates:

Dr. Enoch is also scheduled to speak to Indivisible Springfield on March 28, at 6:30, First United Church of Christ.

Overview of Indivisible435:

Brad presented an Overview of Indivisible 435. For more information on Indivisible435, visit: indivisible435.org

For months, thousands of Indivisible groups across the country have worked to resist the Trump agenda. But resistance isn't enough — we also have to win elections. Indivisible435 is how we do it — in every congressional district across the country.

Indivisible Springfield Election Guide:

The group discussed producing an 2018 Election Guide. We hope to provide sample ballots for the midterm elections with information on Issue 1 and the Democratic candidates running to represent Congressional District 8.

We would like to produce a more extensive Election Guide for the Fall Election, but we will need volunteers to help with the research. Cindy Young agreed to compile, edit and format the information and make it available on our web site.

Volunteers Needed! If you'd like to volunteer to help research the Fall Election Guide, please contact Cindy at: youngproctor@gmail.com

Group Social Events: We also discussed the possibility of holding informal group social events quarterly. If you would like to help plan an upcoming get together, contact us at indivisiblespfdoh@gmail.com

Calls to Action:

Issue 1 passage: Indivisible Springfield supports the passage of Issue 1 to end gerrymandering in Ohio. We discussed ways of getting the word out to vote for Issue 1. Statewide organizers have not yet formalized their plans. In the meantime, we should do everything we can go encourage voters to support Issue 1 and get out the vote.

Gun Reform: Everyone is encouraged to attend a March for our Lives event on Saturday, March 24. The main event will be held in Washington D.C. Local events will be held in Columbus and Dayton. For more information, visit: marchforourlives.com

Voter Registration: We need team leaders and volunteers for voter registration and get out the vote efforts for the fall election. If you'd like to volunteer to help, contact indivisiblespfdoh@gmail.com

Charles Bush:

Charles Bush, a candidate for Chair of the Clark County Democratic Party Executive Committee introduced himself to the group and made a short presentation about his candidacy. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Young
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Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 6:30-8 p.m. | First United Church of Christ, 2000 E. High St., Springfield