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Below is a non-partisan summary of information provided by members of the of the public and meeting organizers. This report does not attempt to reflect verbatim comments and should not be interpreted as such.

Indivisible Meeting Mount Pleasant Public Library

February 11, 2017

Observer: Kirsten Abrahamsson

A public meeting was held by Indivisible at the Mount Pleasant Public Library on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Below are summary notes:

Indivisible Leadership Team:

- Katie Preston, President and husband, Joe who is glued to C-span
- Blake Dolstrum, PR
- Becca Hobson, Outreach to other organization
- Asif Ahmed(?), IT
- Rob – liaison to Charleston Democratic Party – conducted the outside meeting since the meeting was full inside the library

Mission: To apply pressure to local members of Congress. Non-partisan. Calendar of events clearinghouse and for posted bills at the statehouse

- Trump agenda must be stopped. (***Observation: Specific issues referenced and meant by “Trump agenda” not outlined.***)
- Inclusion, fairness, respect

Communications - social media and google calendar to link to future website

- Website: Currently under development. There is a temporary one to sign up for email blast
- Instagram: Indivisiblechs
- Twitter: Indivisiblechs

- Facebook: Indivisible Charleston – page and group

Support other groups - Groups engaged include:

- *Indivisible Summerville* – Facebook is in development
- *Drinking Liberally @ Coastal Coffee Roasters* in Summerville, Friday nights
- *Democrats of Johns and James Islands*, March 12th Oyster Roast, Bowen’s Island
- *Fight for \$15*, Scott and George, empower low wage workers, March on Monday, 2/13 at Ashley Phosphate Hardees against Secy of Labor appointment
- *SC Progressive Network*, Feb. 20th, next meeting, coalition of 60 plus groups, non-partisan
- *SURJ – Showing up for Racial Justice*, Kat Morgan (fantastic TedX talk, CHS), March 1st meeting at Children’s Museum, organizes a rapid response team
- *We Are Family*, LGBT+, Kat Morgan, need heterosexual support, many homeless youth
- *ACLU*, Susan Dunn, training lawyers to be official legal observers, email: sdunn@aclu.org, tough to volunteer but financial support welcome, currently have 3 full time employees, Circular Church, Sat. 2/18 at 10:00 for interfaith gathering, speaker from Duke!!! Comments: Be a magnet, be real, take off mask, want lady liberty to be protector, there will be ICE (immigration) raids in CHS this week, don’t post anything on Facebook that generates more fear – best to email.
- *Charleston County Democratic Party*, Brady Quirk-Garvin, 3rd TH of every month at 6:30 pm at NC City Hall, CharlestonDemocrats.com, CHS is blue county and growing more blue, gerrymandering
- *Ideas into Action*, Jessica Boylston - Fagonde, Jessicabf@gmail.com, meet every 3- 4 weeks in MTP, 1.5 hrs., presentation by non-profit, Education, Action (gather for good cause) and Clearinghouse (share needs of Action items), next meeting is T 2/21 from 9:30 – 11. Speakers are Amy Birch from Turning Leaf (incarcerated returning to community) LWV invited to speak in future months
- *The Coalition*, Pastor Thomas Dixon, founder, ran against Tim Scott, Protest on President’s Day in Columbia at State house against social injustice

Committees

- Volunteer Action Coordinating Committee

- Federal member of Congress tracking – stop hiding from us
- State member of Congress tracking – coord with SC Progressive network
- Other
 - o Running for Office, Runforsomething.com
 - o Write Checks (Amazon smile account)