

# Hershey Indivisible Team

## FEB RECAP

Our February meeting was an eye-opener! We were overwhelmed with the attendance and appreciated the patience of all who attended. We will have more seats at our next meeting but it is impossible to know the number that will join us. While the issues teams were challenged to hear what others said, we have learned the limits of sound. Future meetings of the issues groups have already moved to private homes or separate times at the Library. The Suggested Calendar for 2017 will allow each group to plan activities and events that will show the community our values and encourage others to join with us as we stand together in these difficult times.

### ARCHIVES

In order to preserve the record of our progress, Chris Baker will maintain records of what we do and when we do it! Please include her on all your meeting notes. At least for now, please use the universal email address, [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com) and use **RE: Meeting notes, mm/dd/yy Issue Name**. This will allow us set goals and recognize our accomplishments as we grow.

### ARM BANDS

In order to identify ourselves at rallies and events, we will make arm bands. We plan to use white stretchable arm bands with a logo bordered in red that is about 3" square. The cost to members will be about \$3 which we hope will approximate our production expenses. Marilyn Sandler has agreed to organize the operation. They will be available in time for the protest in Reading and at our meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The arm bands will help us get to know each other as other groups also begin to know us. You can contact Marilyn through the universal email address, [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com). Please indicate with **RE: Arm Bands**.



### ENVIRONMENTAL MARCH ON APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

This march is just getting organized but it is a critical component of the Resist Trump movement. Kris Englund has offered to co-chair a bus trip to Washington. Do we hear a second (co-chair)? Details will be posted on our Facebook page and on our web page as soon as they are available. To reserve your seat (until costs are known and you can get your check to her), email her at [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com). Please indicate with **RE: Washington Bus Trip**.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Please share information on guest speakers via the calendars as soon as information is finalized. While we were pleased to have PA Sen. Rob Teplitz join us as a guest at our February meeting, we want to be sure that we schedule him and others in a timely fashion. With our two calendars, we have wonderful vehicles to get the word out in addition to the usual media outlets.

## ISSUES TEAMS

The notes from the various teams are wonderful and perhaps during the first half of the April meeting we can hear a brief report from teams who want or need to share their plans. With the addition of four new Issues Teams, we now have a total of 17 groups so we may want to hear from different teams each month but we do need to share the progress that these groups have made. Research is beginning to show up under our various legislator tabs. Please continue to research current news releases and positions of elected officials.

## OUTREACH

We all hear about other local groups from time to time. When you do, please forward the contact information to Bill Geisel through Facebook or through our universal email address: [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com). Please indicate with **RE: Outreach**. Our strength is in our numbers and our numbers are definitely growing.

## POSTERS

We are also ready to start poster production. Marilyn Sandler has again taken the lead. Lots of hands and lots of help will make the work more fun and generate great ideas. Please contact Marilyn again at the universal email address, [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com) with offers to help as well as clever ideas from signs you have seen. All suggestions welcome. She is thinking foam-board with a clever way to customize them for multiple uses. Remember there will be a variety of events for which we will want signs. Please indicate with **RE: Posters**.

**TOWN HALL INVITATION** – We invited Representatives Dent and Mehaffie to a Town Hall Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm, after their ‘open house’ at their Chocolate Avenue office was over. We did not share it with you because we were not certain it would happen. Unfortunately, the reaction was negative and the receptionist clearly had been given definite directions not to hold out any hope to anyone who requested such a constituent meeting. Unfortunately, the planned ‘open house’ does not give all voters sufficient time to participate in a meaningful dialogue when our country is witnessing vast and sweeping changes. We expect and deserve better.

Initially, many of our cabinet members were disappointed that Indivisible groups across the country looked so much like the Tea Party of eight years ago. We hoped we would be allowed to have a cordial, polite, substantive meeting and even thank our representative for positions he has taken and to offer our concerns in other areas. We even suggested the use of index cards to submit questions. We did leave the invitation but have no hope that a meeting will be arranged for this recess or even for a future recess with Rep. Dent. That changes everything. We already have one Pat Toomey – do we really need another one!

In response to Rep. Dent declining our offer for a Town Hall Meeting, members interested in ‘going the extra mile’ will join other constituents outside the Reading Double Tree Hotel on March 6<sup>th</sup> where, according to Keystone Progress, he will have time to meet with corporate lobbyists and big business leaders from Comcast, Fox Rothschild, PPL, UGI and others at a members-only meeting with the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in a car pool, please email [2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com](mailto:2HersheyIndivisibleTeam@gmail.com) for more information. Please indicate with **RE: Reading Extra Mile**.

Since we also invited Rep. Mehaffie, and, if he accepts, we should meet with him and share our concerns for the issues that affect our state. Stay tuned. The meeting would be **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm, at the Hershey Library.**