

October 31, 2023 - DSA Steering Committee

Present: Robbie Liben, Arthur Endsley, Sarah McClain, Sandy Burch, Tony Davis

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Electoral Committee

- Sandy: How is member outreach going?
 - Arthur: Not so good for me—between out-of-town travel and a COVID infection (not simultaneously). But I did do volunteer canvassing for Sam Kulla’s campaign.
 - Sign-up for Sam Kulla’s campaign: <https://forms.gle/awEGiNHjYUCNBvFN9>
 - Sign-up for Gwen Nicholson’s campaign: <https://forms.gle/u2nN4y1JK3QLqMyVA>
 - Robbie: What is the ask at this point?
 - Sandy: You can ask them to fill out an RSVP form to get some volunteering in before this weekend. Arthur, can you update the forms?
 - Arthur: Doing it right now.
- Sarah: May be more effective to call people at this point rather than go door-to-door.
 - Sandy: Good point
 - Arthur: Follow up with Sam about that, for sure, because he wanted to organize a phone bank
- Sandy: Impressions about how well candidates are doing?

December Leadership Training

- Hybrid event at Good Works Place, 10:00a to 5:00p on Saturday, December 2
 - Register here: <https://forms.gle/nFA5Pi2fNscb7zjX9>
- Robbie will be the point person for everything Hayley, e.g., picking her up at the airport
- So far, we have just three sign-ups. We need to increase turn-out.
 - Arthur: So, the member outreach list we got for the Electoral Committee—were those member contacts picked for the same reasons that we might contact someone about leadership training?
 - Sandy: Yes. I get nervous about making two calls to action in the same phone call... But if you have a good conversation, certainly invite them to register. We might wait until after the election to reach out to them about the leadership training.
 - Sarah: I’d be up for calling people to encourage them to attend...
 - Sandy: We could do this at the next Steering Committee Meeting, November 14?
- Sandy: David Q. has volunteered to help out with the curriculum... Probably reach out the Hayley as well... Anyone else?
 - Sandy: Curriculum so far is described in the RSVP form...

Business Meeting Agenda

- Agenda items?
 - Arthur: Unhoused Neighbors Union is planning a demonstration at the Courthouse on November 4, at 12:00p

Statewide Organizing

- Sandy: I think Jon Tester is a pressure point right now—he's vulnerable on this important issue. I think the calls to his office about funding for Israel's war in the Gaza Strip are very effective.
- Sandy: We could really do some shit. We could at least analyze how much of an influence we could have on our state Senator. Interested to hear what you all are working on.
 - Sarah: Haven't done much but writing to Senators, others. There's a huge reaction to this.
- Tony: Sen. Martin Heinrich D.C. office: (202) 224-5521 is another person to call on this subject, also on the Appropriations Committee