



Minutes - 4/16/18

Hillcrest Indivisible Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:45 pm- 8:15 pm

Farmer's Bottega

860 W. Washington Ave.

San Diego, CA

1. Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Cindy Dickinson, HI Co-Chair, at 6:45 p.m. at the Farmer's Bottega restaurant. John Mattes, HI Co-Chair served as timekeeper. 34 persons attended the meeting (28 current members, four new members, two guests).

Cindy reviewed the history and purpose of the Indivisible movement and led the group in lightning introductions with participants' names and favorite vacation spots.

2. Group Accomplishments: Cindy highlighted the group members' actions since the last meeting, including the following:
 - a. Voter registration: Hillcrest Indivisible members have been working across the county at progressive-sponsored registration events. Hillcrest Indivisible took the lead in hosting two Indivisible registration events on 3/11 at Balboa Park and 3/18 at the Hillcrest Farmers Market.
 - b. Legislative Calls: Responding to requests on Meetup, HI members called their congressional representatives in February and March to urge them to block the Nunes memo, pushed to support net neutrality, pushed back against Republican efforts to undermine Wall Street reforms, and several different several different calls to support Dreamers.
 - c. Marches & Townhall: HI members had about 40 people marching together in the Second Annual Women's March, protested the Trump Administration's opening of the Pacific coastline for off-shore drilling at the "Hand Across the Sands" event, canvassed twice in the 49th, showed up at Congressman Peters' Feb 12th town hall, met at our Action Coffee, attended a voter registration training, and supported labor rights at the Working People's "Day of Action" event. Our most recent events have seen HI members walking in the March 10th "March for Black Women" and protest in five events in response to Trump and his wall during his 3/13/18 visit to San Diego.
3. "Why I Am an Activist": Nam Nguyen, Treasurer, and Michael Rudolphsen, IT Chair, each gave three-minute personal statements entitled "Why I Am an Activist."
4. January Minutes: Nam discussed the minutes of the January membership meeting, which were posted on the HI website. Cindy moved for the minutes to be approved as posted and John seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved the minutes as posted.
5. Bylaws: Nancy Cottingham, Membership Chair, explained that bylaws for the group had been drafted by the Steering Committee at the suggestion of national Indivisible consultants. The bylaws have been posted on the website for the past month. The purpose of the bylaws is to give the organization some basic structure. The biggest change that will result from adoption would be for the group to begin holding elections for officers with the first election being in Fall of 2018 to begin one-year terms in January, 2019.

Nancy stated that HI member and attorney Jenn French had made suggestions for changes to the Bylaws but was unable to attend tonight. Nancy committed to meeting with Jenn to consider her ideas and will bring back any changes for review at a future meeting. Dave Chase moved for the Bylaws to be approved as posted and Mike Rudolphsen seconded the motion. The membership approved the motion unanimously.

6. Events Committee/Voter Registration: Cindy reiterated the importance of becoming trained to do voter registration and participating in the many events to register voters held around the area run by Indivisibles and partner groups. Contact Cindy directly at midwifedickinson@yahoo.com if you would like to be trained. Express trainings take under an hour!
7. Membership Committee/Calls to Action: Nancy commended the membership team for making calls to all members signed up on our database. Members who would like to join the membership team may contact Nancy at nancymoved@gmail.com. Nancy also discussed the importance the Indivisible Model puts on calling our legislators regularly about issues of concern. She discussed how "Request for Calls" are posted on our Meetup site and answered questions about making calls.
8. Treasurer's Report: Nam stated that prior to this meeting, our balance was \$390. Tonight's donations totaled \$240, half of which will be given to the local chapter of the Immigration Center for Women and Children. This national organization specializes in helping underrepresented female and child immigrants, especially victims of domestic violence and child abuse.
9. IT Report: Michael reported on the improvements to our website, including an improved calendar, and urged members to visit.
10. Presentation: John Mattes, Investigative Journalist and HI Co-Chair, gave a presentation entitled "Russian Bots and the 2016 Election" detailing what he uncovered about how Russia acted to subvert the election.
11. Upcoming Actions: Cindy urged the group to keep up with event postings on our website, Meetup, and Facebook. She reminded the group about the "March for Our Lives" on March 24th as well as highlighting the next two HI meetings:

Friday, 4/20, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Action Coffee/Brunch
Empirehouse, 127 University Ave.

Wednesday, 5/16, 6:00 pm-8:15 pm (Date has since been changed to 5/08)
HI Membership Meeting
Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Scott, Secretary