**Legislative Action Group Meeting Notes**

September 28, 2022 at 10:30am at Coffee Hound, Bettendorf

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**Attending:** Marie Gleason, Alta Price, Ann McCluskey

**Absent:** Susan Leuthauser, Kay Pence, Rosanne Krubsack, Maggie Davis (staff)

**Agenda:**

Greetings

* There’s only 6 weeks until the election. 40 days.
  + Representation matters. Is there someone from Illinois we can recruit to join our committee?
    - We brainstormed some names & will look for opportunities to bring on others.
* Voter Registration for Roe, Roe, Roe Your Vote on October 8th at 11:30am–2:15pm
  + Scott County Democrats are sending a representative with applicable information and signage.
    - They are now sending 2 representatives: Barbara Robinson-LaGarde and Richard Lee. (I know neither.)
    - Jean Semsch said they will bring the Election Date Sheets to give out.
  + PACG Gender Equity table
    - Ann will staff a table with a team for people to sign up to join the PACG Gender Equity Forum.
  + Marie was asked to emcee this event. (independent of her role with PACG)
* Compiling information for voting (key dates, candidate info) – Iowa & Illinois – Who can do this?
  + Scott County Democrats have a similar information sheet. Using that at this point.
* Goals for lobbying & identifying who to talk to about abortion access in QC IL - Partnering with Services Action Group (Carolyn)
  + Goal: To make sure there is support from officials and community stakeholders
    - Marie and Carolyn discussed.
      * Focus with the targeted conversations to happen after the election.
        + Stakeholders & People to help us target stakeholders:

Governor Pritzker’s office (Marie has contact info)

Greg Johnson (Candidate for IL House; likely to win)

Tracy Jones (Community Activist; passionate about this topic)

Angie Normoyle (former IL Congressional candidate; actively involved in IL politics)

Heidi who previously worked for Congressional Rep Cheri Bustos – Carolyn has contact information

QC IL Mayors

Local colleges – Western Illinois, Augustana, Black Hawk

John Deere – Marie knows an Executive she thinks she can have this conversation with

Rock Island Arsenal ??

Trinity / Genesis Hospitals ??

United Way ??

Chamber of Commerce ??

Church group(s) ??

* Decide on goals for meeting with State Legislators and US Congressional Reps/Senators
  + What do we want to achieve?
    - Know what candidates’/elected officials’ position is
    - Form relationships with candidates/elected officials
    - Influence candidates/elected officials
  + What positions are applicable to target?
    - State Legislature
  + Who are in those positions / candidates for those positions?
    - Alta is coordinating
    - Initial candidates to target:
      * Dr. Mary Kathleen Figaro
        + October 19th @ Bettendorf Library at 12 noon
      * Gary Mohr
        + October 24th @ Bettendorf Library at 12 noon
      * Scott Webster - TBD
      * Mike Vondran - TBD
    - Other candidates may be considered
  + What is known about their position on abortion access? TBD
  + On a scale of 1-5, how likely are we to influence them? TBD
* October Legislative Forums
  + Publishing Forum information as it becomes available
    - Website/blog
    - Social media
      * Side bar – We need to greatly expand our social media reach
      * Side bar – We need to devise a system for things that get published on the Gender Equity page gets posted to our main page
  + For our issue the main forums to attend are:
    - October 15th – Iowa House Candidates
    - October 22nd – Iowa Senate Candidates