**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