

**Indivisible Defenders of Democracy**  
**Open Members Meeting**  
**Sunday August 10, 2025**  
**Rourk Woods Community Clubhouse**

Prior to the start of the meeting, big assistance from Nisey, as we cobbled together powerpoint slides, to present (hopefully) a somewhat organized program.

**Meeting**

- Light attendance, (22) which could be due to weather, frequency of meetings, other obligations.
- We had sign-ins, either pen/paper or QR code.
- 7 new members. All spoke and introduced themselves (their names/emails below to add to our distribution list).

**US Congressional Candidate Dr. Kimberly Hardy**

- Advised attendees of US Congressional Candidate Dr. Kimberly Hardy (Dem), running v. Rouzer. Motto "Listening/Leading/Uniting"
- Audience comments were shared from those who were at her rally at Dem HQ Friday evening (she was most impressive/dynamic!).
- [www.kimberlyhardyforcongress.com](http://www.kimberlyhardyforcongress.com)
- Financial support is vital.

**Board of Elections**

Nisey had an excellent presentation re: ways to get involved with BoE 1)prep/train for much needed poll workers; last informational mtg tomorrow(8/11); then formal training sessions, poll work during elections.

- Nisey advised workers are paid for training/poll work(very long day)
- 2) poll observers- vetted/recommended by party; no compensation,
- Noted upcoming municipal elections excellent "softer" cycle to become familiar w/ poll work, election cycle in 2026 w/ primaries/general Nov election more involved.
- Nisey also discussed changes to county/state BoE; shift from Dem to Rep majority for all 100 county BoE, per recent state legislature rulings;
- Registration Repair Project: voter needs to research/remedy if info incomplete
- HB958:pending recommendations of changes to voting rules/laws
- How best to protect the current process? Encourage BoE mtg attendance (next mtg 8/19, 2pm)

**Brainstorming**

- Presented summary of last sessions brainstorming activity, top priorities of all workgroups;
- Ultimately highest votes for:
  - engage youth;

- engage speakers to attract more members;
- protests/visibility campaigns
- Future meetings to develop action plans for each

### **Upcoming Events**

- Next meeting , 2 weeks, 8/24 Rourk Woods Clubhouse, 2pm, per members request- post mtg Linda R & Nisey suggested possible topic: could educate members on verifying their own voting info, to check all accurate in BoE records/database
- Noted changing meeting location starting September, as clubhouse no longer available;
- Canceled 9/7 mtg- Executive decision,
- 9/13; 2pm; Library- advised all of speaker(s) from the BC Sheriff's Dept.

### **Follow Up**

- Solicited for additional meeting facilitators, given frequency of meetings, no takers.
- Received \$20 cash donation from Karen Faria(thank you!)
- Will get that to you, Jane, asap!
- Thanks to Linda R for being our scribe.

### **New members**

- Jeanne/Ted Mullins; tmullins1@cc.rr.com
- John Lapatchka; jlapat1956@gmail.com
- Michelle Tavernisa; mtavernisa@gmail.com
- Tom Morgensen; tommorgensen@gmail.com
- Amy Vecchione-Bytnar; amyhasfaith@yahoo.com
- Knight Gaillard; fannykgaillard@yahoo.com