



Saturday June 28, 2025

Open Meeting

Rourk Branch Library

Shallotte, NC

2:00 PM

Meeting facilitators: Larry Pelky, Janet McFarland

- Approximately 30 members in attendance.
- [Slide deck](#) can be found in the Open Member Meetings folder in this Google Drive.
- Larry spoke for the 1st 30 minutes taking questions from the audience at times.
 - He spoke of having a plan and being prepared for when the worst happens which was well received by the audience. Some members spoke of similar kinds of plans.
 - Larry introduced 3 different videos to the audience which were also well received...
 - [A No Kings Day video produced by the Brunswick County Democratic Party](#)
 - [A No Kings Day video featuring a montage of images and footage from locations around the US on June 14th](#)
 - [A local newscast featuring interviews of Della Hann, Lauren Reynolds and demonstrators from Leland, Shallotte and Wilmington No Kings Day events.](#)
 - Larry spoke about the Trump administration's propensity to lie and his interview with Kristin Welcher when he was asked if he would uphold the constitution, answering "I don't know."
 - Larry spoke about the Trump overarching agenda to shut us up, split us up and tire us out...
 - Larry referred to the "[What's the Plan?](#)" broadcasts from Indivisible founders Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg where they shared that we should celebrate the small victories and the good news...
 - An audience member urged us all to not only monitor national, and state elections but to keep a close eye on local elections where we can also make a big difference...
 - Notable quotes from Cory Booker's 25 hour filibuster – "Power of the people is stronger than the People in Power."
 - Every Goliath has a David...
- Janet McFarland got up and introduced audience members to the American flag/sticker idea and encouraged everyone to take a bucket of flags and stickers with them when they leave and explained how they could distribute them.

- An audience member shared some best practices when attending a demonstration on how to best communicate whether on a sign or with a bullhorn
- Some ideas members had during the meeting included...
 - Members sharing “plans” with the group so all could benefit
 - Everyone is interested in knowing more about “What’s the Plan?”
 - Discussions were had regarding how to speak to young people including where they go to school
 - Discussions were had about focusing on the insidious things (ICE raids, for example) and not the distractions (Gulf of America, for example)
 - We talked a little about what is most concerning about the future
 - We discussed how to connect with the younger demographic and [Cliff Cash](#)’s name came up – a local comedian.
 - Larry has suggested we could share state politician’s contact information with the audience so they can make contact with them.
 - An audience member spoke up asking for specific group sessions to work on issues even before we announced we were breaking into 3 groups to do exactly that.
- Based upon survey feedback from our members it was determined that the top 3 most disconcerting issues we should focus on were disinformation, Social Security and lawlessness.
 - Larry led a group in discussions about disinformation and what we can do to take action.
 - Janet led a group in discussions about Social Security and what we can do to take action.
 - Andy led a group in discussions about lawlessness and what we can do to take action.
 - The group discussions were very healthy and members asked how we can continue them to work on solutions to take action. This concept fits nicely into the “teams” idea we will be incorporating into our website.
 - Separate team documents will capture notes from each group discussion and action items we can move forward on.
- We closed the meeting watching John Lewis dance to [“Be Happy...”](#)