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**General Meeting Minutes, 2/6/17**

Meeting convened at 6:05 pm at SF downtown library with 19 people present.

**Issues and Lobbying Report:**

People were encouraged to call Committee members regarding the following issues of concern:

Ethics

Campaign Funding Disclosures

Automatic Voter Registration

Open Registration

National Popular Vote Compact

Redistricting

**See attached article for bills we are lobbying for and how you can help.**

People were also encouraged to attend the HELEC committee meeting on Thursday, February 9 in Room 315 of the Round House. Issues to be discussed include HB 206 regarding Open Primaries, HJR 6 which allows the top two winners of an election to compete in the final vote, and HB 226 regarding lowering signature requirements for independents and minor party candidates to obtain ballot access.

Peter Wirth is planning to introduce a bill regarding redistricting, but it has not been scheduled yet which allows more time for preparation. It is expected to pass the House and Senate, but there is concern about whether Governor Martinez will sign it. The strategy is to put pressure on Republican legislators to influence the Governor.

Mitch Buszek noted that help is needed in the following areas:

1. Researching Republican members to obtain financial reports and information from websites, Facebook and internet news.
2. Teams of 3 people per each representative to be lobbied.

3. Writers to pull together the research and formulate it so that it can be used in lobbying efforts.

Concerned citizens need to be encouraged to:

Attend meetings

Call legislators

Email legislators noting the subject being addressed and the sender's position in the subject box.

Visit [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov) to access contact information for legislators, the calendar of meetings, and other pertinent information. It was noted that letters for legislators should not be placed in envelopes

### **Outreach and the 28th Amendment Report:**

Discussion took place re. 28th Amendment. Different national groups, such as Free Speech for People, American Promise and Wolf-PAC, are working on a 28th Amendment. Wolf-PAC is working on an Article 5 amendment, which could cause problems at a national convention unless the convention was limited to one subject. AP is reviewing various proposals. All need to be studied and discussed more.

We are sponsoring a 28th Amendment Initiative training with American Promise for 3 hrs. on April 1st at HEC (Higher Education Center) off Siringo Rd. Bruce Berlin handed out flyers. He has secured HEC for no fee because SFCC has become a sponsor.

We were encouraged to think about working on a larger coalition of groups and broaden our approach. Many ideas and information concerning this issue were volunteered.

Members divided into two groups. "Lobbying" and "Outreach" to discuss more ways to be effective. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING 3/6, 6 PM AT LA FARGE LIBRARY**