



THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FSPAC Board Meeting *February 19, 2024*

The Board meeting of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC) was called to order by President Mike Greenberg. The meeting was held via Zoom.

See Appendix 1 for list of attendees.

President's Report

Mike Greenberg began by emphasizing that the Hill visits and dinner are less than two months away, focusing the team on fundraising as a primary focus. He noted that Kitty would be sending each group a list of their past donors to assist in their fundraising efforts in advance of the dinner.

Political Affairs Report

Carole Jones reported that the Contributions Committee met in January and approved a revised giving plan for the cycle based upon a variety of changed circumstances. She noted that the plan to be proposed includes money for first-time candidates and that the overall proposal is higher than the plan originally approved and will be presented to the full Board at its April meeting. Carole also reported on recently concluded and upcoming events with members of Congress, encouraging board members to volunteer to attend. She concluded by encouraging everyone to engage with their representatives in Congress.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Blair gave a general overview of the FSPAC accounts, noting that we spent more than we made in January.

Fundraising Report

Kitty deKieffer reported that Indianapolis (August), Dallas (June) and Las Vegas (October) fundraiser planning efforts continue, and that Week of Giving planning for September has begun. She encouraged board members to volunteer to support Alicia Lee who will once again lead the Week of Giving efforts.

Kitty next called on Kathi Heatherly and Betty Quick to discuss plans for the April dinner. Betty noted that the dinner will be held Wednesday, April 10, at the Capitol Hill Hilton, beginning with a 5:30 reception and dinner at 6:30. She also reminded everyone that money must be received by Friday, April 5, to count towards seats at the dinner.

Kitty continued by reporting that we have only raised \$70,000 this year and need to raise a majority of our contributions by the April dinner. She emphasized that raising money early in the year is necessary to support our giving budget, to enable more contributions in the first quarter, and to show members of Congress our value. She reminded the group that our fundraising goal for the year is \$720,000 combined for the PAC and the IEA. Kitty concluded by advising that she will be sending individual fundraising goals to each group and will also be contacting board members who have not yet made their contributions, expected in the first quarter.

Executive Director's Report

Kevin O'Neill provided a policy update, reporting that we expect the Stefanik campus First Amendment protection language to be included in a bill being introduced in March, and that it may be out of committee on a straight party line vote by the time of our Hill visits.

Kevin reported that letters from Jud Horras and Dani Weatherford regarding our issues went out to House members last month, tailored to their past involvement and urging their future engagement.

Kevin encouraged all board members to register to lobby, reminding them of the Friday deadline. He also reviewed a schedule of events for the week of lobbying and asked everyone to provide travel schedules, as well as availability and willingness to participate in events with members of Congress during the week.

Kevin next reported on a joint effort by the FSPAC and FSAF to develop a curriculum for a Civics program aimed at encouraging bi-partisan discussions of important issues. He noted that fundraising of \$75,000 to \$200,000 will be necessary to launch the program.

Kevin also reported that he is working with Donna Chereck on a mentorship program for new FSPAC board members.

Kevin concluded by reporting on FSAF activities, including the First Amendment Institute held in February in Chicago, an ongoing alumni poll on issues important to our community, and a student poll planned for later this Spring.

Membership and Recruitment Report

Kevin O'Neill provided a brief report in Donna's absence. He noted that Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi have both accepted mentorship offers and that Donna is working with a couple of additional groups looking to join the FSPAC.

Secretary Report

Laura Doerre reported on the status of the Dropbox reorganization and encouraged anyone having trouble accessing Dropbox to reach out to her for access.

Communications

David Ashinoff began by asking board members to let him know if anyone encounters any issues with CauseVox from a donations perspective. He then reported on efforts to update both donation forms and marketing collateral for the dinner. David also requested testimonials discussing board members' personal fraternity/sorority experience to post on the website, as well as names of students who might be willing to share testimonials.

Mike Greenberg closed the meeting by again reiterating the importance of fundraising, noting that a mid-March meeting may be scheduled if necessary in advance of our April visits. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Doerre, FSPAC Secretary

APPENDIX 1
MEETING ATTENDANCE

PRESENT		PRESENT	
X	Anthony Albanese	X	Rex Martin
X	David Ashinoff	X	Mike Mayer
X	Andrea Bechtel		Bill McGinley
	Susan Bevan		Bruce McKinney
X	Steve Blair	X	Kevin Mitchelson
	Nick Bratvold		Leslie Morgan
X	Maureen Carnevale	X	Morgan Netz
	Donna Chereck	X	Kevin O'Neill
	Kelly Crompton		Howard Pickett
X	Tom Decker	X	Shelley Potter
X	Cheri DeJong	X	Betty Quick
X	Kitty deKieffer		Stephen Ratterman
X	Andrea Dill		Michael Riley
X	Laura Doerre		Phil Rodriguez
	Allen English		Toby Roth
	Gayle Fitzpatrick		Ben Satcher, Jr.
X	Michael Greenberg	X	Tom Schneider
X	Phyllis Grissom		Wynn Smiley
X	Kathi Heatherly		Kristen Soles McCrackin
	Judson Horras		Cindy H. Stellhorn
X	Patrick Jessee	X	Brooke Stroud
X	Annabel Jones	X	Mindy Tucker
X	Carole Jones	X	Scott Turk
X	Russ Keene	X	Brian Vincent
X	Jack Kreman		Dorcas Washington
X	Caroline Lazzara		Larry Wiese
X	Alicia Lee	X	Allie Winkelman
	Sarah Lindsay		Jeff Witous
	Laura Locke Field	X	Milynn Zabielski
	David Marion		