

AFT 2121 COPE MEETING 2/6/20

Present: Joe Berry, Debra Wilensky, James Tracy, Tim Killikelly, Leslie Simon, Sonny Mohammadzadeh, Kathe Burick, Susan Atwood.

1. Expanding COPE Participation

- a. James Tracy informed the group that he is exploring ways to expand COPE participation so that all AFT 2121 members can participate regardless of work schedule. This would involve a hybrid in-person/online process. There will be a draft proposal by next COPE.

2. Schools and Community First

- a. We discussed ways to push the Schools and Community First petitions. We may schedule a “happy hour” at Ocean Ale House to encourage people to drop off their petitions. James will explore.

3. Campaign Contributions

- a. Approved: \$3000.00 to Social Justice DCCC slate, pending CFT approval of request. Up to \$1000.00 for AFT 2121 member DCCC candidate Li Lovett, up to \$500.00 for DCCC candidates Mar and Walton.
- b. COPE heard from Jackie Fielder who expanded on themes in her questionnaire.
- c. COPE members tabled the decision until 2/18 meeting with a strong recommendation for Fielder. The COPE felt it would be inappropriate to make a final endorsement in this critical race today since attendance was low.
- d. James Tracy is in communication with Wiener campaign who may decide to ask for our endorsement.

4. Propositions D and E.

- a. Propositions D and E were endorsed without a funding authorization

5. Presidential Endorsement

- a. The group decided to table the endorsement until the 2/18 COPE meeting due to poor attendance at this meeting
- b. The Presidential Issues Survey indicates a clear preference for Sanders and Warren in that order.
- c. Joe Berry spoke in proxy of Sanders, Sonny Mohammadzadeh, Warren. Susan Atwood made the case for a joint endorsement.
- d. We agreed to keep the online petition open and organize for wider participat.