

1/12/2026 Northfield Indivisible Monthly In-Person meeting

In (person) attendance –

(I pulled these names from the audio recording, which was not very good. So apologies if I got it wrong!)

Steve	Yakub Olsen(?)	Adam	Mary Jane
Julia	Lindy	Katie	Bill
Kelly	Margaret	Donna	Lisa
Dean	Joe	Linda	Ellen
Kamisha (online)	Matt Little	Suzanne	Eldon(?)
Mary D.	Quinn	Kate	Maria
Wendell	Betsy	Lisa	Martin(?)
Diane	Kathleen	Scott	
Jordan	Maggie	Sonia1/	
Lori	Rich	Mary	

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Northfield Indivisible (and partners)

Meeting Focus: Projects, caucus preparation, ICE response, and organizing strategy

Date: Not specified in transcript

Facilitator: Steve

1. Agenda Overview

- Dean to present current projects.
 - Main discussion: teams/committees/work groups and prioritization of four key teams.
 - Mid-meeting breakout into four groups (~15 minutes) for planning.
 - Reports and updates before breakout.
 - In-depth discussion on ICE presence and community response led by Julia and Kamisha.
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2. Announcements & Updates

High School Walkout

- A student-organized walkout is planned:
 - **Date/Time:** Thursday at 2:00 PM
 - **Route:** High school → Bridge Square

- Volunteers requested to help lead chants/songs and encourage participation.

Community Action Center (CAC) Donation Project

- Dean reported results of QR-code fundraising initiative:
 - Generated **minimum \$1,998 worth of food** for CAC.
- Project aimed to:
 - Increase awareness of the organization.
 - Provide direct community support.

Website & Civic Engagement Tools

- Website provides:
 - Membership sign-up.
 - Event calendar (maintained by Kamisha).
 - Action resources.
 - Members encouraged to use **5Calls.org** to contact representatives quickly and effectively.
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3. Safety & Event Planning

Marshal Recruitment

- Need to **double marshal team** before April:
 - Goal: **+10–12 trained marshals**.
 - Training session (~1.5 hours) planned for February (date TBD).
 - Importance:
 - Crowd safety.
 - Managing counter-protests.
 - Preparing for potentially larger future rallies (e.g., “No Kings 3”).
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4. Caucus Preparation

Key Dates & Training

- **Precinct caucuses:** February 3 (corrected date).
- Multiple caucus training sessions scheduled locally.
- Caucus process:

1. Attend precinct caucus.
2. Potentially advance to organizing/unit caucus.
3. Possible selection as delegate to endorsing convention.

External Trainings & Partnerships

- Additional training offered via faith-based and civic groups.
 - Secretary of State collaborating with Native women voters on training event.
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5. Guest Speaker: Congressional Candidate Matt Little

Background

- Former:
 - Lakeville City Council member.
 - Lakeville Mayor (two terms).
 - Minnesota State Senator (Southern Dakota County).
- Running as Democrat in **2nd Congressional District**.

Policy Themes

- **Healthcare as a human right** (supports Medicare for All).
- **Economic dignity:** living wage, paid leave, worker protections.
- **Immigration & opportunity:** personal connection through spouse's immigrant story.

Campaign Positioning

- Emphasizes:
 - Fighting corporate influence.
 - Rejecting corporate PAC/AIPAC funding.
 - Strong advocacy style and willingness to confront opposition.
 - Encouraged:
 - Caucus participation.
 - Delegate involvement.
 - Campaign sign-ups and support.
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6. Resolutions & Advocacy

Anti-BDS Law Resolution

- Proposal to introduce **precinct-level resolution**:
 - Opposes Minnesota anti-BDS contracting restrictions.
 - Framed as **free speech issue**.
 - Members encouraged to submit resolution at caucuses.
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7. Recent Event Reflection

“ICE Out for Good” Rally

- Organized within ~36 hours.
 - Strong attendance and community energy.
 - Identified needs:
 - Improved sound equipment.
 - Continued engagement and turnout building.
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8. ICE Presence & Community Response (Julia lead)

Key Points

- ICE activity viewed as **urgent primary issue**.
- Differences noted:
 - **Metro area**: aggressive enforcement, rapid deportations.
 - **Northfield**: warrant-based operations but still harmful.

Existing Defense Network

- **Northfield Supporting Neighbors (NSN)**:
 - 10-year immigrant-defense infrastructure.
 - Alert system, trained observers, legal tracking.
- Guidance:
 - **Do not independently confront ICE.**

- Work through NSN channels.
- Join alert network for awareness/support.

Community Strategy

- Emphasis on:
 - Organized, lawful response.
 - Protecting trust with immigrant residents.
 - Long-term mobilization leading to future elections.
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9. Next Steps

- Break into four work groups for planning and prioritization.
 - Recruit additional marshals and schedule training.
 - Promote caucus attendance and resolution submissions.
 - Expand engagement with NSN and immigrant-defense efforts.
 - Prepare for future large-scale rallies and organizing campaigns.
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