

ITAA General Meeting Minutes, *submitted by Jacolyn Marshall*

Monday, November 3, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

Approximately 63 members attending on Zoom

Margrit McIntosh: Co-chair and Host

- Welcomed everyone and encouraged them to share good things happening in their life.
- Introduced our guest speaker and provided background information on him.

Guest Speaker Heath Spencer, Eloy Visitation volunteer

- We see people from all over the world and backgrounds, mostly asylum seekers in detention for about a year preparing to meet the conditions for humanitarian relief
- Since April, 11 people have had court hearings: 8 failed for not seeking asylum in other countries first, 1 was released, 2 others are due to appeal.
- 1,260 people are housed at a facility with bad conditions and a hostile environment: razor wire, roll calls 4 times a day, and bland meals that are never enough. They can earn \$2 a day cleaning or working in the kitchen so they can buy overpriced food and personal items in the commissary.
- Our volunteers are there to meet with them human to human, listen to their stories, write letters, and supply them with books, money for the commissary and phone calls, and compassion.
- How can you help? You can support our work by donating to the [Mennonite Shalom Fellowship](https://www.shalommennonite.org/) (<https://www.shalommennonite.org/>) to help supply books and provide money for the commissary. Those who have no one to help them receive an average of \$20 a month from us. That's only enough for an inmate to buy an \$18-dollar two-week supply of coffee.
- You can also write letters and Christmas cards, become a pen pal, or visit the facility on your own and let them know others care about them.

Amy Gosla, Events Team

- Indivisible National No Kings 2 event was the result of a coalition of 20 groups coming together to organize nationwide rallies and marches. Thanks to everyone who went to the many events.
- The membership in-person meeting was fun; thanks to everyone who joined in.
- Every Saturday morning there is a protest at Ciscomani's office.

Margrit McIntosh, Co-chair

- Announced our second scheduled speaker, Daili Avila was unable to attend due to illness and will be invited to a future meeting.
- Introduced Melody Luepke as our new Membership Lead. Melody said she is enthusiastic and excited to be working with Shelley McMahan to begin planning events for our members.
- Clarified the difference between our two funds. Our Distributed Funds Account is linked to our Act Blue account which has restrictions: it can only be used for promoting federal candidates.

Our Unrestricted Funds Account can be used for state and local candidates and post card campaigns promoting them. Since it is not connected to an Act Blue account, donations to that account are by cash or check only.

Jeanne Hardie: Treasurer's Report for October

- Distributed Funds Account - beginning balance: \$\$8,421.42; ending balance: \$7,718.15
 - Income: Donations: \$296.00
 - Expenses:
 - Globe Indivisible \$200.00
 - Tabling \$200.00
 - Food Bank \$500.00
 - Home rental \$51.75
 - Mail Chimp \$47.54
- Act Blue Fund-Raising Donations \$376.00
- Unrestricted Funds Account - beginning balance: \$238.43; ending balance: \$238.43.

Lisa Vaughn: Boycott and Build Team

- We use our economic power to influence others. We are urging you to limit your discretionary spending and if you do spend, spend at local businesses this holiday season.
- Boycotts show industry people we have the power.
- We urge you to boycott Spotify for running ICE recruiting ads and post about it on social media.
- Sign up with us and join our meetings by going to "More Actions" on our ITAA website.
- Please subscribe to our Don't BuyIt campaign Substack at <https://dontbuyittucson.substack.com/>

Ken Minkoff, Pressure Ciscomani Team

- We are no longer hoping to pressure Ciscomani into doing the right thing; we are now working to counter authoritarianism by replacing him and taking our Congress back.
- We have 50 people in our group and invite you to join us to contribute however you want to our mission.
- Our main theme is that Ciscomani lies constantly and is being portrayed with a Pinocchio nose in our ads.
- Ciscomani has lied about his stance on Medicaid, Medicare changes and Medicare premium bills.

Jacolyn Marshall - Letters to the Editor Team

- Announced 171 letters have been published in the Daily Star and amplified on social media sites.
- This past month, October 3-November 3, our LTE team has averaged 6 letters per week.

- Our letters educate readers, raise awareness, and make a difference,
- Join us by emailing Jacolyn@comcast.net

Joe Alexander: State Committee

- Our team sends out brief newsletters on the backgrounds and voting records of our state legislators.
- We hope they will be used by our ITAA members as a resource to contact our legislators and pressure them to do better.
- You are invited to join us on December 13, from 9:00-11:00 in downtown Tucson for an in-person meeting to discuss specific plans to further influence our legislators.

Margrit McIntosh: Closing Remarks

- We are looking into recording our meetings.
- Our next general meeting will be Monday, December 1, at 4:00 p.m.