

February Legislative Director's Report

February 8 - Met with Steve, Gerri, and Kim to discuss plans for how we could help Senator Gillespie and get Kim involved in our political work. Also met with Gerri to split up the legislators we would be working with.

February 12 – Helped get petitions signed for democratic candidates at a drive thru event organized by the Greater Palatine Area Democrats. Spoke with Senator Gillespie, who would like our help promoting her TIF bill (2298). Spoke with Representative Mark Walker, who has a Republican candidate running in his district who is an anti-union litigator and who Representative Walker has heard worked on the Janus case. Spoke with Nabeela, who is hoping to get our endorsement. Spoke with Mary Beth Canty, who is having a fundraiser on March 5th that she would like us to attend and she would like to sit down to talk with us there. Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes' husband was there, so I gave him my card and asked her to reach out to us as well. State Comptroller Susana Mendoza also stopped by and spoke with everyone.

February 14 – Received a text from Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes and set up a meeting with her for Tuesday night. Invited Gerri Songer to join us.

February 15 – Met with Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes with Gerri Songer at Noodles & Company in Deer Park. Touched on many of the topics we are asking our legislators attending the Legislative Breakfast to address. Asked her to send us a punchlist of her thoughts on education-related topics.

February 16 – Replied to a request from Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes for a list of items we'd like to hear about from her. Sent an email to Mary Beth Canty, candidate for state representative in the 54th district, requesting more information about her fundraiser on March 5th. Received information from Mary Beth Canty on her fundraiser being held March 5th from 5-7pm at the Arlington Ale House. Link for tickets is at this website: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/makingherstory>

February 17 – Received Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes responses to our list of topics about which we'd like to hear her thoughts