

COMMON GROUND



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MAKE, BUY & SELL GUNS SMARTER & SAFER

The next DNSIB meeting will be on Thursday, March 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 at Invisible Reality Ministries, 2700 N 54th Street (on the corner of 54th and Center). If this is your first DNSIB meeting, you are welcome to attend a “get to know us” session at 6:00.

Notes from the February 9 meeting

Will Davis welcomed the group. He invited people to introduce themselves and share something that they, in particular, bring to the campaign.

Price family

Will and Keisha gave an update on the outreach to the Price family regarding legal representation for a possible case related to Patrice Price’s death last spring. Ms. Price was shot by her 2-year-old son with an unsecured gun in the car she was driving. We have learned that the gun used was a 40mm semi-automatic Sturm Ruger. Additional research is underway.

Strategy luncheon

Jean and Keisha reported on a strategy luncheon that was held on January 30 with Mayor Barrett, County Executive Chris Abele, District Attorney John Chisholm, Mayor Steve Scaffidi (Oak Creek), and Mayor Erik Brooks (South Milwaukee). Among the results of the meeting:

- We were invited to a meeting of the ICC (Intergovernmental Cooperation Council) on February 13 to propose that the group issue a joint RFP for smart guns that could be tested by local law enforcement officials.
- We hope to meet in the next couple of months with MCLEEA – the Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executives Association. DA Chisholm offered to help facilitate our attendance.
- The group showed interest in working on a Lock-Up event, where individuals could obtain locks (preferably ones using smart technology) for guns in their homes. Our group offered to do some research on the availability and cost of such locks.
- The luncheon illustrated a shift in our leadership with these Milwaukee leaders:
 - We debated cancelling the meeting when we were having trouble getting Barrett to commit. We ultimately decided to go ahead with it, with or without him, and then he ended up attending.
 - At the luncheon itself, we were equal partners and co-leaders in the discussion.
 - CG had never been able to get Abele in a room before.
 - This luncheon allowed these leaders to see CG in a new light, from a new angle.

Since the February 9 DNSIB meeting,

- We have scheduled a second strategy luncheon for April 3.

- We presented a resolution to the ICC (Intergovernmental Cooperation Council), where we talked to all 20 municipal leaders or their representatives. Mayor Scaffidi also made a compelling statement at the end, urging his peers to see this as “an opportunity to show leadership” on this issue. We are now contacting those leaders who have not yet signed on.

Tammy Baldwin meeting

Rob reported on a meeting earlier in the day with Ossie Kendrix from Senator Tammy Baldwin’s office.

Campus Carry petition

Laura shared a petition – cosponsored by Metro IAF and NFTY (the National Federation of Temple Youth) – requesting that colleges and universities provide information to prospective students and parents about whether they are a “campus carry” campus.

- The goal is to get 10,000 signatures nationwide.
- We broke into smaller groups to discuss strategies for obtaining signatures, and how many signatures we might be able to secure (and leverage) locally.
- We set a goal of 1,100 signatures with Immanuel committing to 500, East Siders to 150, the “onsies” (those not part of the other 2 groups) committing to 350 (250 of that coming from Angela McManaman) and Will Davis committing to 100.
- Alexis developed a “QR” code to make it easier for potential signers to access the petition.
- The [petition](https://bit.ly/2llmO0k) is at bit.ly/2llmO0k.

CG Delegates’ Assembly

Common Ground will hold a Delegates’ Assembly on Tuesday, April 25 on the South Side.

Tasks

Members of the group signed up for the following tasks/teams:

- Research smart gun locks: Catherine O’Neill
- Research ATF MOU’s in other jurisdictions: Alexis Twito
- Research if there’s monetary connections between MPD and gun manufacturers: Linda Reid
- Staff a “DNSIB” table before and after the Delegates’ Assembly: No one signed up

Remington on Sixty Minutes

On Sunday night, Sixty Minutes had a powerful piece on defective Remington rifles that fire without the trigger being pulled, resulting in deaths and injuries. If you missed it, you can watch it now at

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/popular-remington-700-rifle-linked-to-potentially-deadly-defects/>

The Trace provided some further background about a related settlement with Remington:

<https://www.thetrace.org/2017/02/remington-settlement-deadly-rifle-defect-too-lenient/>.

As stated in The Trace:

One reason the company was so slow to act on the problem is that gun manufacturers are exempt from many consumer safety reviews and regulations in the United States. At the behest of pro-gun members of Congress, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is legally barred from addressing defects in firearms and ammunition. *No gun recall can be initiated by the federal government.*