

## **Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting**

Saturday, August 26, 2018 (7:30-8:30pm)

Aaron Kruse, Chair - present  
Samantha Wong, Vice-Chair - present  
Elizabeth Jenkins, Secretary - present (note taker)  
Jim Spear, Treasurer - **absent**  
Legal - **vacant - filled at meeting:** Cheng Xu  
Kira Leinonen, Comms/IT - present  
Angie Bergeson, At-Large - **absent**  
James Flanagan, At-Large - present  
Faith Gary, At-Large - present  
Joshua Lally, At-Large - present  
Chris Zombik, At-Large - **absent**  
Ada Shen, Ex Officio - **absent**  
Rich Welch, Ex Officio - **absent**

### **7:00 Excom Meeting – Aaron, Sam, James, Elizabeth**

Introduction to Cheng Xu – candidate for Leadership Board.

- Been in Shanghai for 7 years. Now a partner at Shapper Molen – corporate law.
- Involved with DA in the last few years and attended some events. Helped in 2016
- Voter in Ohio-12.
- Cheng came to our first post card writing event in SH!
- Jim Zimmerman just left our firm. Managing partner in Beijing office.

Possible travel to Chengdu and Shenzhen?

- Membership in Shenzhen 58, Chengdu 29, Kunming 20

### **7:30 Board Meeting**

**Approve Meeting Notes** – no objections [Action: Elizabeth post to wiki]

**Changes to the Leadership Board** – want to invite Cheng Xu, lawyer based in Shanghai. Ohio voter and been in Shanghai for 7 years. Been involved in DA for a while. Excited to be involved! Partner at California-based firm (venture capital and private equity). In all the DA Chat groups. Chair nominates. Vice Chair seconded. Vote AYE: James, Aaron, Elizabeth, Kira, Faith, Josh. Effective immediately: Cheng Xu [Action: Elizabeth email to Jeffrey, update website, database, leadership wechat group.]

### **Recent Events –**

Beijing – Last week neighborhood house party in Gulou, Beijing. Yesterday at Bookworm. Aaron reports that the volunteers were really prepared and only issues were technical (slow internet and website glitches).

Shanghai – Registered 28 people, Rose volunteered today. Sam flagged website problems for Kat.

### **Upcoming Events -**

Rush Lush – Aaron recruited a volunteer Tyler to help on 9/17 – a student will be [Action: Aaron please connect the volunteer with Josh to coordinate.]

Student events – Sam working on this.

Labor Day weekend event – First time we will announce the Thanksgiving raffle.

- ½ raffle to help sign people up and/or volunteer
- ½ will be sold to help fundraise for DA
- New poster – please share.

Is there anything similar we could do for the Shanghai? Or should we include them in the Great Wall raffle? Sam thinks we need to include Shanghai. Let's think through how to target SH.

AP Regional call this Wednesday!

### **Comms and Social Media**

Facebook ad campaigns pretty successful. Can do more with SH – [Action: Sam please send content files to Aaron.] 20 replied to the event. 35-40 new people.

New WeChat Account ID: DemocratsAbroad and QR on advertising. They have converted

Accepting donations [Action: Aaron will check with Jim about that.]

Expats rags. That's Magazine (SH/BJ) blog post and events, Beijinger, TimeOut, Smart Shanghai.

SH Blog - Gigi did a video interview with Sam and walks people how to vote abroad in China! Got some b-roll. She does body paint! Maybe she could donate services to a raffle at a watch party.

### **Money**

Sam – provide invoices and receipts to document and request reimbursement.

Telescopic – Addison is printing a new one. SH is good – Sam just printed.

Other GOTV expenditures?

### **Open Floor**

DNC update for Facebook. Maybe someone from the progressive caucus. [Action: Aaron will post in the progressive ]

Barbara Event – Wants her to have 2 projectors for a simultaneous candidates. She has done some research. Green light to contact. But not asking leadership to contact and followup. [Action: Elizabeth will talk to her.]

Women's Caucus – Any update? Hope to hear from Angie to see.

Beijing International Schools – Elizabeth working with Jenny for lunch hour at schools in shunyi. Mary. Ada used to go to ISB and WAB (Rich's daughter). [Action: Elizabeth will contact Rich for school contacts] Be sure to target students! In California can register at 16 years old.

Shanghai International – Maybe redirect Barbara to help more with this.

Voter Contact by State – Had a volunteer David to contact our members in Texas. Remotely helping voter contact. Can also do with our Facebook interactions and likes.

### **Wrap Up**

Next Meeting: September 23 at 7:30pm instead of the following week (just before Golden Week)

[Action: Sam will reserve webex. Elizabeth will put on calendar and notice to members. Aaron will follow up and make the next meeting agenda. ]



