# Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (7:00-8:00pm)

WebEx Meeting Number: 856 559 172 (Password: dems)

Notes from Last Meeting: [Meeting Notes - DA Leadership Meeting, 2017.10.22](https://drive.google.com/open?id=11dqnrevUmsDZorjNetHcVbxTQvxtB_06FB1Oe_dUdOc)

Aaron Kruse, Chair - present

Samantha Wong, Vice-Chair - present

Elizabeth Jenkins, Secretary - present (notetaker)

Jim Spear, Treasurer - present

Randi Miller, Legal - present

Kira Leinonen, Comms/IT - present

James Flanagan, At-Large - present

Phong Quan, At-Large - present

Faith Gary, At-Large - present

Joshua Lally, At-Large - absent

Chris Zombik, At-Large - present

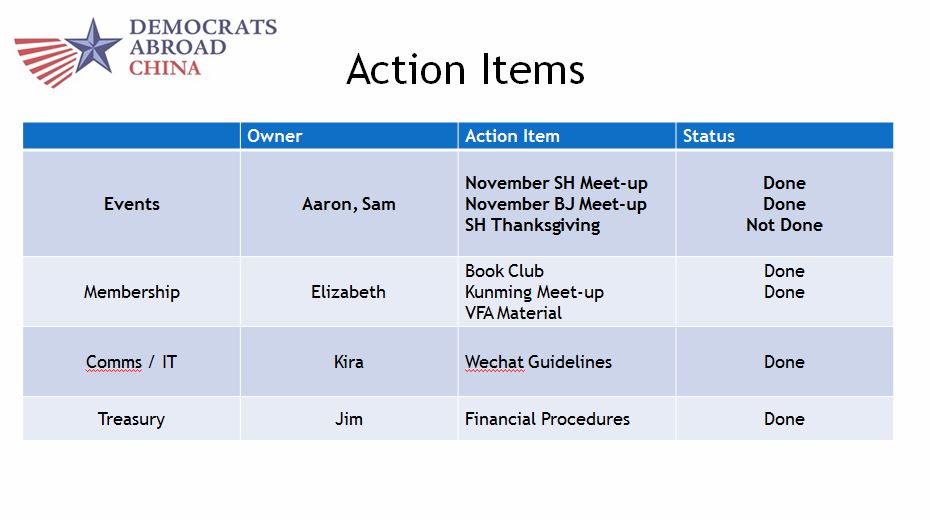
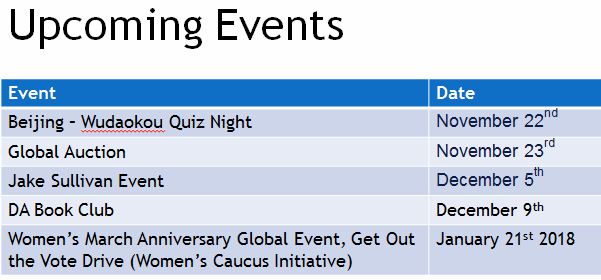
Ada Shen, Ex Officio - present

Rich Welch, Ex Officio - absent

## Recent Happenings

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| OCT 23 | Sent 1761  Opened 208 (11.81%) 12 (0.68%) | Email | If we don’t fight. | Elizabeth |
| OCT 25 | Aaron, Sam, Ada | AP Regional Call |  | Shaun |
| OCT 30 | Sent 1748  Opened 239 (13.67%)  Clicked 10 (0.57%) | Email | First Charges. | Elizabeth |
| NOV 4 |  | Online Town Hall | President of Emily’s List | Women’s Caucus |
| NOV 5 | 5 attended | Book Club | HRC’s What Happened | Emily |
| NOV 6 | Sent 1743  Opened 275 (15.78%)  Clicked 14 (0.80%) | Email | Unity. | Elizabeth |
| NOV 8 |  | Online Town Hall | James Carville | DA Global |
| NOV 12 | 10 attended | Meetup | Shanghai | Sam |
| NOV 12 | 5 attended | Meetup | Beijing | James B. |
| NOV 12 |  | Web Post | October 2017 Happenings Around China | Elizabeth |
| NOV 13 | Sent 1727  Opened 237 (13.72%)  Clicked 6 (0.35%) | Email | Celebrate! | Elizabeth |
| NOV 13 |  | Web Post | Celebrating Foy's Victory in Our Sister District | Elizabeth |
| NOV 20 | Sent 1726 Opened 244 (14.14%) Clicked 24 (1.39%) | Email | Thankful. | Elizabeth |

Meeting Notes

1. Attendance - Elizabeth, noted.
2. Review and approve previous meeting notes. - Aaron, voted and approved.
3. Update from the Chairs - Aaron.
   1. Events since last meeting - Book club, meetups
   2. Ada proposing that DA Global use DA China to pilot a more CC-centric Voter Reg (Ballot Request, Return) operating model for 2018.
   3. Final draft of financial procedures - Jim, ExCom voted and approved.
   4. Action Items from last time -
   5. Upcoming events -   
      
      1. Quiz Night - Nov 22 (sponsored by Josh) - We’ll ask questions about politics
      2. Global Auction - Nov 23 - Elizabeth donated a virtual tour of Forbidden city.
      3. Jake Sullivan Event - Dec 5 - DA China 35-70 tickets. Yale Center Beijing. AmCham China also helping organize.
      4. DA Book Club - Dec 9 - Hosted by Brian in Kunming.
      5. Women’s March Anniversary GOTV drive - Jan 21
4. Membership Committee Update - Elizabeth
   1. Recruitment picked up with sharing on Gabby’s US Abroad wechat group.
5. Comms/IT - Kira
   1. What we’re reading - schedule. - Kira proposed and will followup.
   2. New WeChat Group for Beijing. - Discussed and comms committee will execute.
      1. Question (Randi): Why no Beijing WeChat group? Maybe not necessary. Could poll the chat group.
      2. Chris - Maybe Beijing doesn’t have a community group. But that could maybe foster offline events. Well noted.
      3. Comms Committee will organize a new Beijing wechat group.
   3. Subreddit - Aaron is going to start that eventually. Might help manage longer conversations.
6. Open Floor
   1. Sam -
      1. Membership engagement and attendance is very healthly: Boosted membership with sharing via related WeChat groups (Gabby’s US Abroad and Thunderbirds). Thanksgiving event has 21 people signup.
      2. Plan to have a GOTV event on Jan 21 in Shanghai, in coordination with the women’s caucus.
         1. Kira - can we plan solidarity events with back home? Ada - Intl is looking at coordination but some unspecified concerns.
         2. Randi - maybe we could have a speaker? Aaron - How about HRC?
      3. Women’s Caucus calendars bought and can be resold. - Sam will followup.
   2. Elizabeth -
      1. January will also mean we have 1000 members expiring.
      2. Tactic for verifying members - click email to self-verify. Trialed on last email. Good response (18 clicks!).
7. Next meeting: Dec 17 at 7pm
8. Farewell - Happy Thanksgiving!   
   (❦Big love fest touched off by Aaron voicing his gratitude for being involved in DA. Everyone agreed. I think.)