SpeakUp! Meeting Notes, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

1. In attendance: Angela, Doug, Michael, Willie Pole, Diane, Amin, Sherry, Sandra, Trista, Sandy; On Zoom: Willie Wright, Taneda, Mark J, Jonathan.

2. Our next empowerment summit—

- we will be holding a debriefing on the first ES to see what has worked and what we need to change.

There was brief discussion of determining a way of continuing to share resources from each summit.

- our next summit will be held March 11th, held at the Joliet Township Offices, 9 – 11 am

- So far, our panel speakers are—Taneda, Mark, Cynthia, and (unofficially) Sherry, & Doug. [Update: Natalie, Nadia, Diane, and Sandra will also be speaking.]

- we will be speaking about membership and holding an orientation.

- wear your SU! shirt at each event .

- our April event will be held at Pastor Brooks’ church.

3. We are helping host the NVCP’s candidate forum on March 15th—here are our roles:

Registration table – Sandy, Sherry

Candidate escorts – Diane, Trista

Question takers – Sandy, Michael, Sandra A.

Refreshment table – Sandy, Trista

Hospitality team – Sandra A.

Security – Amin, Mike

4. Grants and fundraisers! We have our spoken word event coming up, a community picnic to plan, and a gala to stage. We can meet to plan these events, about 2x a month—who would like to help with these events?

5. Let’s be sure to learn our anthem so that saying it before events goes smoothly. We will have it on slips of paper that people can keep, or turn back in for reuse.

6. Flash mob dance! Darlene! May 27th at the old county courthouse from noon to 1:30 pm. Sandy and Darlene will work to contact dance teams to participate—we need a FUN community event!

7. We are growing! We may have to shake up our meeting times.

8. Interested in being a deputy registrar? Sandy and Sandra

\*\*If Sandy does not already have your email address—please get it to her! \*\*