

**Minutes, IUCC Advocates for Peace and Justice meeting,  
January 16, 2011**

In attendance: Felicity Figueroa, Marleen Gillespie, Dean Inada, Marilyn Keslerwest, Lauren Louie, Dave Smith (Rev. Paul Tellstrom "dropped in" for part of this meeting). Meeting called to order in the Plumer Hall library at approximately 12:20 pm.

After some brief welcoming remarks, we moved onto the agenda items:

1) January IUCC annual meeting. Dave Smith reported on the 2011 budget (it was reduced to \$1000 for the year -- but this is MORE than was spent last year and the Administrative Board has said they would consider requests for added funds if necessary). The Long Range Planning Report was revised in minor ways after we requested more emphasis on "advocacy" and "witness" (but still focuses a great deal on "direct service") as a way to make our faith "active" at IUCC. But this document will be a general guide for the future not "marching orders." Despite the odd "letter" posted to the Advocates listserv (by Matt Mirmak to two former church members) there are no officer elections at this meeting.

2) Upcoming scheduled events of interest:

1) Annual OC Farmworkers Support/Fundraising Dinner

Speaker: Delores Huerta

Time: 5 pm

Venue: Carpenters Union Hall, 1918 W. Chapman, Orange

2) Screening of ON OUR WATCH (PBS Frontline documentary on Darfur genocide) (sponsored by OC for Darfur and other groups)

Time 7 pm

Venue: Mesa Verde United Methodist Church, 1701 Baker St,

Costa

Mesa

-- IUCC Advocates will officially "cosponsor" this event by

a

unanimous (6-0) vote at the meeting

3) WORSE THAN WAR (film featuring author Daniel Goldhagen's visits

to 9 countries affected by genocide)

-OC for Darfur and the Advocates will co-sponsor a

screening on

March 12 in the evening (we voted on this, 6-0, and the

event

is now on the official IUCC church calendar!

host a screening in Marchekend in March)

3) Possible events/activities for Advocates:

1) Film about contemporary occupied Bethlehem & discussion

Dave Smith has not yet seen the DVD... so this is "on hold"

2) "Get on the Bus" program to allow kids to go visit their

imprisoned moms. Consensus to support this -- but refer to

Mission & Service -- will be passed along to Karl Schiller

3) Hajo Meyer's NEVER AGAIN FOR ANYONE tour (2/19-2/20)

-Mr Meyer is a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz who supports  
Palestinian rights (Dave Smith contact this group -- still

no

response... so this event is UNlikely.)

- 5) Yemen Peace Project speakers (Dana Moss and partner)
  - Ms. Moss is a UCI PhD student in sociology (who has an MA in Middle Eastern Studies from Villanova), has spent time in Yemen, and is the co-founder of this group. Website: <http://www.yemenpeaceproject.org/>
    - We voted unanimously (6-0) to invite her/them to come and speak at IUCC with sponsorship from the Advocates?
- 6) Professor Mark Levine, expert on Middle Eastern history and public intellectual is back at UCI from sabbatical
  - There is support for inviting Prof. Levine but we need to figure out when and what topic we'd like to hear about.
- 7) We should plan to do an anti-war vigil on Sunday, March 20th -

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that weekend is a national day of protest vs. "the never-

ending

wars" (Dave Smith is in contact with a peace activist and sociologist at SUNY-Stony Brook, who may visit Irvine in the next few months -- we'll try to arrange a visit to IUCC!

4) Other issues and plans:

- 1) We discussed environmental issues and activism, and what we can/should do? Strong support for this...
- 2) We talked about ethnic/racial issues and diversity -- again, great enthusiasm (and we may try to draw on IUCC members

and

current congregational diversity

- 3) There was also support for gender and feminist issues/causes --  
but no specific plans

%) The meeting had gone on for a while and after briefly calling for any "new business" we voted to adjourn a bit after 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

dave smith  
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