

**ADVOCATES for Peace and Justice
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3, 2011**

The IUCC Advocates for Peace and Justice met for a combined March/April meeting on April 3rd, after second service in Plumer Hall, at 12:15.

Attendance: large (13 or 14 with "drop ins" from both pastors) but unfortunately the sign-up sheet was misplaced.

1) Welcome

2) Report on film and discussion WORSE THAN WAR (film about author Daniel Goldhagen's visits to 9 countries after genocide)(cosponsored by OC forDarfur) in Plumer Hall on Feb 19th -- Thanks again to Shirley Lorenz for help with food and drinks.

3) Report on California Council of Church's IMPACT southern Californiatraining event on the state budget crisis. This happened on March 20th from 4-6 pm; Dave Smith and Keith Boyum represented IUCC. There is a lot of printed resources, a sort of "workbook" and a short film that is available -- We should try to schedule some sort of event to use these materials and educate the congregation about this and the continued budget stalemate in Sacramento -- ideas for date, format, etc?

4) Report on (wet and cold) Peace vigil at 6 pm on March 20th at thecorner of Alton and Culver.

5) The Middle East upheaval -- There has been a lot of e-mail traffic about this and possible speakers -- Among those folks are Dana Moss, the Co-Director of the Yemen Peace Project (based at UCI), Mark Levine (UCI History prof who was in Tahrir Square in Cairo for the Mubarak resignation) and a few others. -- All these people are busy, but we can probably set something up -- Do we want to schedule an event? Date? Format? (NOTE: I have not yet tried to schedule anything as of May 8th -- but still plan to do so.)

6) Report on various activities to combat Islamophobia in the US and Orange County. This includes protests about the Villa Park "hate rally," the continuing prosecution of the Irvine 11, etc. -- Should we be doing more?

7) The Great American Write-In, Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm a the nearby Lakeview Senior Center in Woodbridge. We need volunteers to do tabling, etc. This event was held and Dave Smith represented the Advocates with a table.

8) Letter writing for the patio -- and the Great American Write-In. We need multiple good letters. Joan Mortenson has some ideas -- and has actually written at least one letter (on hunger in the US), Dave Smith has draft one about proposed federal budget cuts negative impacts on women. But we need MORE ideas!

WE PLAN TO GET THIS BACK "ON TRACK" THIS MONTH (MAY)! 9) In a discussion of other possible Advocate-sponsored or co-sponsored events there was some support for a series of "movie nights" -- one idea was a ecological/green theme sequence that might include GASLAND (about "fracking" for natural gas) and THIRST (about water privatization). WE HAVE NOT YET SCHEDULED THIS BUT MIGHT WANT TO CREATE SOME SORT OF SUMMER SERIES...

Next meeting May 15th after second service in Plumer Hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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