

## **PEACE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

April 28, 2010

Present: Matt, Erik, Art, Arnold, Sue, Liz, Brian B, Bob G, Debbie, Chris K, Slim, and Ryan

(Minutes by Debbie, in lieu of Erik having to leave early – Perhaps Erik or Brian can put them into a more formal format, if desired). Also, hopefully they can make any corrections since I (Debbie) have to leave town for political conferences).

Matt urged us all to be on time in the future.

### **BYLAWS CHANGE VOTE REGARDING TERM LIMITS:**

3 voted for taking the vote immediately

5 voted to delay it until next meeting

*Bob Graf resigned from the Steering Committee*

### **LIZ'S REPORT**

- Liz needs articles written for the June newsletter.
- There were over 175 people at the Kucinich / Moore Town Hall Meeting. All the TV stations broadcast the event.
- Mother's Day Event: Will cost \$20 / Peace Action makes \$7
- Anti Nuclear conference in New York. The bus had to be cancelled because there were not enough to fill it. Debbie Metke was to have been the Bus Mother. The Steering Committee voted to give Debbie \$230 toward the cost of a trip to the rally as a representative of the Peace Action Steering Committee. Erik proposed that next time, more discussion follows regarding splitting funds in half for two different representatives, etc. Arnold also mentioned another conference coming up in New York in two weeks regarding weaponizing space.
- We achieved consensus to give the Catholic Worker House \$75.
- U.S. Social Forum: Peace Action will present two workshops (upon being accepted by the forum)
- Lanterns for Peace: It is an expensive program. This year we will hold indoor workshops, a cookout and float lanterns, perhaps in the Washington Park lagoon, partnered with the Urban Ecology Center. It would be good to reach the central city.

Interns: Several interns will be assisting Liz and Jessie this spring and summer, some with expertise in programming, marketing and communications. THINK OF PROJECTS for them.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Chris**

PEP and PA are short \$10,409 so far this year. This is a loss of \$2,500 / month. We will be out of money in October. By the end of August we will have to shut down staff or services.

There was a question if Kas and Eric Bagnall would be on this committee.

- **ROOFING & GUTTER:** Two proposals have come in – one for \$10,855 and one for \$15,146.
- **COPIER:** Chris is investigating new copier leasing options which would save \$75/month, as well as a new membership list and more email communication. USB flash drives could be inserted to print from the machine. Newsletter monthly costs would be \$140. **VOTE:** We had consensus to give Chris the authority to make a decision on this.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Because of the above situation, we all need to sign up to help Peace Action.

The following numbers of people were proposed:

Grant writing: 3  
 Donor committee: 5  
 Event Planning: 2  
 Appeals: 2

Grant Writing: Debbie will head this up, getting direction from Julie Enslow. Sue Madar is also adept at it. Erik and Sue will help write.

Donor Committee: Ryan, Brian B, Slim and Matt will make phone calls and visits. They will get advice from Julie on possible donors.

Events Committee: We will hold an event to honor Julie. Brian Madden will head the Committee. Members of the Committee will be: Liz, Brian Madden, Matt, and Debbie. WE NEED NEW EVENT IDEAS. Jim Draeger should be asked regarding event ideas.

SCRIPAS Program: Brian B. People can sign on to give a portion of their change to Peace Action every time they buy from Pick N' Save and other stores. A description of the program should be included in the Peace Action Newsletter.

Community Days program (in November and March). Arnold said we sell booklets 2 months before "Community Days" and people save automatically when they buy from Boston Store, etc.

Run/Walk Event: Liz. Monday, May 17, 6 pm at Whitnall Park. The race is Saturday, September 25th. Thrivent can be approached for fund matching. Sue, Ryan and Liz will work on this.

Wine Tasting. Liz said we made \$1,000 last year. Liz's mom knows a wine rep and works at a wine store. Sue has ideas for this event too. A wine sale and raffle could be held in July. Liz, Sue, Ryan and Debbie will help.

Mother's Day: Pam Richards is the point person. Attendance is usually 85-100 people. Liz and Julie

Mr. Z's Program: Brian B said this fundraiser utilizes selling frozen food and gift items. Usually happens in October.

Special Appeal: In April and August. Find a match grant with donors. Matt will write the appeal. We could especially use a "Roof Repair" special appeal. We will have to watch the timing with National Peace Action's appeal on the calendar.

**COALITION REPORTS:** Reports were given on Dr. Castille from Youth Haiti (April 13th) and Saul Landau.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Matt will call.