

February 7th 2010:
Facilitator: Marcia Bernsten
Notes: Erin Cox

Proposed Agenda:

1. **Introductions** (Each coalition representative and/or individual) reported
2. **Amendments** – Approval and Facilitator: Both were approved
3. **Set Next Meeting Date:** Set for Sunday, Feb 21st 2010 from 3-5 pm at 8th Day Center for Justice 205 W. Monroe Chicago IL 60606
4. **Report backs** –Proposals from Cmtes
 - a) Cultural Diversity
 - b) Labor
 - c) Gen outreach/media/events
 - d) Direct Action
 - e) Near Term activities
5. **Proposals for additional committees**
6. **Break-out into committees**
7. **Announcements**

3. **Next meeting: Sunday, February 21st 2010 8th Day is available 3-5pm. 205 W. Monroe, Chicago IL 60606**

4. **Report Backs:**

- **Cultural Diversity Committee:** Magda: We have been meeting, our homework is to do outreach to our communities. 4 major places, have copies of the flyers we have created that address present day issues. Will have a program on the 15th of Feb. Blue Island and 19th Street. We will put up the information on the M20 list. The group will send out a flier on pdf to the group.
- **Labor Outreach Committee:** We have met and discussed with labor groups about participating on the 18th. We have a list of trade unions and individuals and will send out a group on listserve.
- **Media/Outreach Committee:** Wanted to appeal to General body to authorize \$1000 for initial print run. Some bare bones stats: General annual budget has been around \$3500. We are asking people to sign up on the list to indicate if the group is a formal endorser of this coalition and two big spreadsheets on the back wall where people can sign. Suggested donation for endorsement is \$35.00 but is not to be a barrier to endorsement. If your organization cannot afford to endorse this, then we suggest that you pass the basket at your next meeting and have that constitute your donation. To date: **We have collected a total of \$440.00**

Last year we came up about \$240 short but we were able to come up with the rest. Not worried about the finances, but should be conscious about doing 2 major print runs to cut down on expenses. AS MUCH IN KIND PRINTING THAT PEOPLE CAN DO AT THEIR OFFICES IS HELPFUL.

To endorse the March 18 Anti-War march: Checks should be made payable to "8th Day Center for Justice," write "March 18" in the memo section of the check and mail to: CCAWR, 4404 N Magnolia, Ste 420, Chicago, IL 60640. **Marcia has been working** on the website: **www.Chicagomassaction.org** (pdf of various fliers can be posted there, etc).

- Two general proposals:**
1. Appeal for \$1000 initial printing outlay.
 2. Proposed outreach verbiage (sent out in a sheet in the meeting). We cannot do a group edit without going insane, therefore the group looked over the verbiage and the proposal was to do an up or down vote.

Joleen will be promoting the March 18th event on CAN TV, and has arranged for a viewing benefit for this movement at Carry's Lounge from March 14th from 3-5 pm. She will post all of this information on the list serve.

Members of this committee is trying to contact different groups who have ever been involved to get endorsements, monetary donations, and a commitment to cover a certain geographical (SPECIFIC i.e., Western between Belmont and Wellington etc.). Areas for flyering. Also need information on central locations to pick up flyers.

Facebook site set up right now and will be filled out more as we vote on things as will the website that march

Sheila Bitts is setting up an events listing, if people have information about activities on the 18th: **Send email to: Sheila.mae@hotmail.com**

In response to dispute on outreach to non-English speaking communities, the group did affirm to do outreach to multi-lingual communities. We are doing an appeal for translations. If you know someone who can translate for flyer in colloquial language please email Andy, CCAWR@aol.com

Joleen made a proposal: The price for call in shows: 2 dates and times: Tuesday, March 16th at 8:30 pm and previous Tuesday March 11th at 8:00 pm. This would be \$250 for two live CAN TV shows. 5-10,000 a night and many more roaming at night.

- Decisions:**
- 1) \$1000 approved by the general body for printing
 - 2) Two CAN TV Shows approved: \$250 for shows to be aired Tuesday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 11th.

Neal made a proposal: Can we ENDORSE the public workers organization? It would be good for our outreach. It was voted that the M20 coalition would endorse the Public Workers Unite organization.
Passed.

Tom made a proposal: That we pass a hat to collect donations at the meeting.
Passed.

Verbiage proposal from subcommittee of the Outreach Committee. The group then discussed the verbiage for the outreach flyers and made many different points as to what should be on both versions with: Version 1 (longer version for e-mails, Facebook page, ½

page handbills, appeals for endorsements etc.) and Version 2 (shorter version for posters).

We did an up or down vote on the Verbiage: with friendly amendment to insert the word "President" Obama and clarify the sentence at beginning of 3rd paragraph: "Politicians' excuses for these failures..."

23 voted to vote, 7 opposed, the abstentions did not get counted. 77 percent voted for the proposal.

Various committees have come up with info flyers that pertain to that committee, so tailored to the information that this group has. This flyer is what this coalition represents, do you want to get involved, this is what this stands for. Versions #1 and #2 as a package deal were then voted on.

24 voted for this, 1 opposed, 8 abstentions

- **Direct Action Committee:** The Direct Action group met today and have discussed a plan to go out into different communities and organizations to feel out the interest on different alternative actions that can occur in and around March 18th 2010. We discussed how we liked the fact that in past years in and around the anti-war march there were alternative actions around the city, that was covered by different media outlets and then later aired at a collective gathering of the group after the Anti-war march. We think it is important to coordinate with anyone willing to do jail solidarity, and/or just letting us know that there are representatives of groups who might be willing to come to the next Direct Action meeting to either collaborate on efforts or work within an affinity group. Due to the fact that this group is different due to legal ramifications, there will not be details posted on the M20 list serve but it will be good to get the word out that people can come to this meeting.

There are specific targets that the direct action group would like to focus on. The direct action group is currently open to groups and/or individuals who are willing to participate in a nonviolent arrestable action on the date of March 18th and/or beforehand. We talked about how we could do outreach to the larger group without being too specific due to the nature of our group.

The next group meeting will be on **Sunday, Feb. 21st, 2010 at 1:30 pm at 8th Day Center for Justice, 205 W. Monroe Chicago IL 60606**
For more information contact Erin@8thdaycenter.org

Ken Crowley announced that there is an action against John Woo who will be in front of the Union League club on 65 W. Jackson from 11:00am – 2:00pm on Monday

- **Near Term Activities and Events Committee:**

Propose that we dedicate this march event be dedicated to Howard Zinn

Statement signed by 27 people go to 4000 events. WE should be given some credit for what we have done and we have to beg for people to help us each week. We should add more about the vigils on Saturday and Sunday. This should be about us building the movement. We had at least 8-10 demos before the war started, now we have only 100's. We propose that this ongoing events, (i.e. Blues Fest, Air and Water Show, etc.) that they have the information in front of their face. Put all this on the flyers in the verbiage portion of the hand bills to make people aware of annual events.

Mary: In terms of building the movement, I think Howard Zinn said “Countless small actions of people lead to change.” Perhaps we could use this on the program of the day or subsequent flyers. Also, “no American flag is large enough to cover the shame for the loss of innocent blood.” I would like to see some of this language day of, or dedicate the march to Howard Zinn to motivate people. Have handout and flyers to list what people can do throughout the year.

Suggested a two sided flyer to give a list of what people could do leading up to the events or after.

Also should be emphasized that under item 2 that we will encourage all those involved in the events to come at least 2 times a year. I would also add that we put something on the day of the march, like the quote of Howard Zinn and the ongoing weekly events.

Proposal to dedicate the March to Howard Zinn:

Joe: Howard communicated that he did not want memorials dedicated to him. He did not believe in iconoclastic approaches to politics. We should just know that Howard communicated this. However, the quotes people have mentioned can be put on flyers.

E: I was going to agree with sustainability after the marches, but I know we also have a website, if people want to promote events we can promote them to that website. I know that we are making our own leaflets and plan on having events after the March. Therefore, if you have other events after the march then bring them here.

Magda: You are all invited to join our Diversity committee. We have about six members. The flyers are sent around, take a look and join us.

Each group can put quotes from Howard Zinn or put things on the back of flyers to promote event.

Fred: I want to speak to the spirit of keeping it going beyond the demonstration. I would propose that we continue to do this. I would like to speak to the general principal of keeping this thing going, I think that is fantastic.

Eunice: I wanted to speak also to their proposal. Think that it is important the work that they are doing. I think it is very important for you all to bring information to us. CAMI has also done events in the Pilson neighborhood. We are planning on doing an event on Feb. 21st, I would like those kind of actions to

Joyce: I would like to support the idea of Howard Zinn, Could you as a committee consider having a sign up sheet at the March 18th March Against the War and asking people to sign up with this and have something more solidified

Ali: We are here on a voluntary basis. No one can tell us what we are supposed to do and what we cannot do. I think things are happening all over the place. This has been going on for years. Could you join the Save Senn organization.

James: Think we should have a clipboard on the 18th. In terms of continuing the group, it would be good for the group to come together to organize for different events (i.e. the Neo-Nazi event happening on march 20th and subsequent events.)

Laurel: Friendly suggestion for people who are out on the street corner. The IL coalition for Justice Peace and Environment, you pay dues, you post something notice to Website and a notice goes out to everyone who is in it. This would help to get a greater visibility

for the work that you do. This lets people know what's going on. THE WEBSITE FOR Illinois Coalition for Justice Peace and the Environment www.ICJPE.org

Fred: Finalizing the proposals:

Proposal #1: That events/term activities be put on Banners flyers: A year of Action in Honor of Howard Zinn with two of his quotes: **This proposal did not pass**

Proposal #2: The Coalition vote to endorse the weekly protesters Statement and Encourage all involved in M18 event to make it to at least 2 to the 300 protests that go on throughout the year with the 7 groups in Chicago.

Favor: 25 This proposal passes

Proposal 3: List all public announcements about M20M in: Chicago.indymedia.org and the Chicago Activist Calendar as places to look for anti war actions. activities on Chicago Indymedia Activist Calendar and Chicago Indymedia. As places to look for anti-war actions.: **This passed**

Proposal 4: Let us dedicate ourselves to promoting several different events throughout the year: **This passes.**

5. Proposals for Additional Committees:

Legal: Direct action committee need to follow up: IF ANYONE HAS information or contacts on Legal Representation for those who might be risking arrest, please contact the direct action committee: erin@8thdaycenter.org

Logistics Committee: Andy (would like more members) Most of the things that need to be done are boring work, but the next meeting should meet in the next few weeks.

Program Committee: Andy (would like more). Should meet once perhaps twice before the Feb. 21st meeting. We have 1-hour max to represent this group.

M20 Bus and Transportation Committee: Proposed by Neal.

All three committees passed.

Committees should set dates for next meetings and announce them on the M20All List Serve.

6. Announcements:

Joe: If any of the local committees would like me to speak about Vietnam at their groups or committees then please get in touch with me. My info is the following: Joeallen705@gmail.com You can also contact me at (312) 829 0962 I had written a book on Vietnam published by Haymarket Books called "Vietnam, the last war the U.S. lost"

Madga: Busses going to Springfield to take on House Bill 174 We need you now, There is a bus. AFSME is going to be covering the cost.

Andy: The collection that went around we raised \$174.00 -- please contact him if you would like to endorse.

This Wed., 12 noon rally at UIC Chicago Circle at University Hall. All campus diversity programs are on chopping block. Students organizing a rally.

GLN is having a Valentines Day protest against anti-gay Church hierarchy 10:30 am on Feb. 14th outside of Holy Name

Other announcements: Wed. evening Cynthia McKinney is speaking in Hyde Park.

Wed., 4 pm protest Board of Education tax on education, Northeast corner of Clark and Adams.

Monday, 9:30 am US Court of Appeal to support reform movement of Teamsters.

Feb. 21st in St. Pius will host women who has lost her daughter in Afghanistan. WE are putting together everything, 2:30pm at St. Pius.

Feb 23rd at Northwestern University David Swanson is speaking, making rationale for Impeachment of Bush and Cheney.