

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
Executive Committee Meeting March 21, 2007

PRESENT: Augie Schmitz, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Ruth Upshall, Babs Whipple

PRESENTERS: Pat Murphy, Julia Aires, Don Thompson

BYLAWS Pat Murphy presented a revision of Article VI of the bylaws which describes the composition and duties of the Standing Committees (Executive, Nominating, Finance, Membership, Program, Public Relations/Website) and ad hoc committees. A **Fund Raising Committee**, to function separately from the Finance Committee, was added to the list of standing committees. The changes were **endorsed**.

There was an unresolved discussion concerning changing the name so that “Coalition” was at the end: SouthWest Florida Peace & Justice Coalition. (SWFPJC)

2007 ORGANIZATION CHART Ruth presented a chart listing members of the Executive and Nominating Committees; all Standing Committees and the current ad hoc Committees. (attached) All members are encouraged to join one or more of these committees. Committee membership is subject to ratification of the majority of the SWFCPJ Board.

WORLD PEACE DAY Don Thompson put forward the name of Bruce Gagnon who will come if expenses are paid and we find other speaking opportunities while he is here. Sharon Fitzpatrick suggested Jan Roberts of Earth Charter as a second speaker. These suggestions will be forwarded to the WPD committee.

RALLY FOR PEACE Julia Aires reported that the event was successful and the press coverage was excellent. She felt the program could have been shorter and that the location presented difficulty with logistics. Basic expenses were \$500. plus \$400. to be paid for the sound system. \$995. was received (\$800. in the collection; \$100. from VCS; \$35 from Code Pink; and \$60. from the bake sale.) Babs reported that she has posters and other items for sale. The report was accepted with glowing appreciation to the committee.

WEB SITE Ruth reported that you may put events on the web page by going to www.swfcpj.org and clicking on the “Events” link and finally clicking on the “Request Addition of an Event” link. After you fill out the form, click on the “Submit” button. An email will be sent to Arlene for approval and then forwarded to Mike Anderson for posting on the Events Page.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Augie reported that Common Thread will have its first show on Wednesday, April 4 at 8:00 P.M. on Channel 21

Ruth Upshall
Secretary SWFCPJ

NEXT MEETINGS

General Meeting March 28 at UU Church on Fruitville
Executive Committee Meeting April 11 at UU Church on Fruitville