

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE  
MINUTES March 28, 2007

PRESENT CoCP Gamson CP Fippinger DVPJ Roach EPIC Schmitz, Duisburg  
FCC/UCC Upshall GPAX Aires MUUF/SAC Sweeting MPJG Spaulding PCF Breyer &  
Breyer SMM Fitzpatrick SoC Whipple UUSara/SC Safran VPC Rogers IND Beecher,  
WEB Bill Anderson

Sharon Fitzpatrick opened the meeting at 9:35 A.M. It was **voted** to start with announcements  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**March 29 *The Edge*** airs at 10:30 P.M. on Ch 21. Augie Schmitz will interview Karen Muntz.

**March 31 - Quaker Market** 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at 3139 57<sup>th</sup> St at Lockwood Ridge..

Speakers: Pat Murphy, Jan Roberts and Andrea Blanch. Our T shirts will be on sale.

**April 1-30 Embracing our Differences . 39 billboard-sized images and quotations  
created by artists and school children from across the country on display  
at the Bayfront. Opening April 1 at 1:00 P.M.**

**April 1 Commissioning of Joyce Raby** for her work in Peace Education during the 10:30  
service at Covenant Mennonite Fellowship, 3205 Tuttle in Sarasota.

**April 1 *An Inconvenient Truth*** will be shown at 12:15PM at the First Congregational Church,  
UCC. Due to family illness, Mark Libowitz and “Bridges to the Holy Land “ is postponed.

**April 4 *Common Thread*** with Joyce Raby airs at 8:00 P.M. on Ch 21.

**April 14 - Earth Day** Observance at Red Bug Slough, in partnership with Florida House, from  
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sponsored by SNCA

**April 15 Save Darfur Rally** 2:00 P.M. at Island Park, Sarasota. It was **voted** to ask Carol Ann  
Breyer to sign up SWFCPJ as a sponsoring organization.

**April 18 *Ground Truth*** will be shown at the Venice Public Library at 7:00 P.M.

**April 20 *An Inconvenient Truth*** will be shown at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 7:00 P.M.

**April 21 Rethinking Justice** Workshop sponsored by SURE from 8:30-Noon at St. Martha  
Catholic Church on corner of Orange and Fruitville in Sarasota.

## REPORTS

**Carl Smith** Word has reached us that Carl has been diagnosed with leukemia. His address is  
Plaze Del Monte, 105 Camino Matias, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

**Web Site** Bill Anderson reported for Mike: To put an event on the web site, please open  
[www.swfcpj.org](http://www.swfcpj.org) click on the “Events” link, then click on “Request Addition of an Event” link.  
Fill out the form and then click on “Submit” button. You are encouraged to send in photos and  
articles about your event. Past events are archived and may be found under “Scrapbook” or  
“Archived Events” Please indicate if you would like your event on the home page.

**Friday Vigils** Faith Fippinger reported that someone passed by and hollered “Today is my  
Birthday and you have made my day!” She urged participation from 4:00-5:00 pm on Friday  
afternoons.

**Green Team** It was with regret that the resignation of Robert Graetz was acknowledged.  
Augie thanked Robert for his loyal support of the Coalition and his efforts on behalf of the  
environment. SWFCPJ will continue to endorse programs such as the School Gardens, Master  
Gardeners and Florida Yards and Neighbors

**Coalition of Concerned Patriots** meets 4/3/07, 4:30-6:30 PM, Manatee UU Fellowship, Among our important items are "What to Do now that Fogartyville is closing in June?" Arlene Sweeting has called a meeting for 4/12/07 at Fogartyville for all concerned about the closing.

**Bylaws** It was **voted** to adopt changes to Article VI Standing Committees. The changes include the addition of a Fund Raising and Development Committee and a job description for each committee.

**Organization Chart** Draft was discussed. All members are encouraged to work on at least one committee. The following changes were made to the chart: Dept.of Peace should read *Dept. of Peace & Nonviolence*. Carol Ann Breyer will be added to that committee. Fund Raising will be called *Fund Raising and Development*. Mary Lee Slettehaugh and Carol Ann Breyer will continue work on the brochure under the Public Relations Committee.

**Rally for Peace March 17** Julia reported on the successful event and the group expressed appreciation for her leadership .Expenses (Advertising \$1,620, Speaker \$500., Sound System \$400., Printing and Fliers \$550.) came to about \$3,070 and receipts (including a donation of \$800. from Stephen King, Collection \$784., Donations \$235., Water & Bake Sale \$74.00) came to \$1,893, leaving a deficit of approximately \$1,177. Babs Whipple noted that many who registered said that the ad had attracted them to the event.

**Christian Peace Witness, March 16, 2007.** Carol Ann and Lee Breyer reported that the ecumenical gathering was sponsored by Sojourners to counter the "Religious Right". There were 3,300 in the Washington Cathedral who listened to speakers decry the social services we cut due to military spending.

**FCPJ Annual Meeting** A large group from Sarasota area attended the meeting. If we choose to affiliate with FCPJ we must appoint within the next 30 days, a delegate to the Board, who will attend four meetings a year at his/her own expense. It was **voted** that Pat Murphy chair an ad hoc committee to explore the desirability of such an affiliation and bring his recommendation to the Executive Committee. Those wishing to serve with him are: Julia, Babs, Carol Ann, Lee, and Glenn. It was suggested that Don Thompson should also be consulted.

**Peace of the Pie** on Mothers' Day. Code Pink will consider sponsorship.

**Coalition Scrapbook** Please give clippings and pictures to Ruth Upshall.for archive scrapbook.

**Forum at Sudakoff** with Veterans for Common Sense. Augie is working with Aidan Delgado and VCS to have a forum next Fall. Julia volunteered to work with him.

**MLK Day, January 2008** Glenn reported that Charles McKenzie is willing to read the "I Have a Dream" speech. Sharon will pass that information on to the Newtown Greater Development Office which sponsors the event.

Ruth Upshall  
Secretary

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** Wednesday, **April 25**, 9:30 A.M. at the UU Church

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wed. **April 11** 9:30 A.M. at the UU Church