

## Notes from October 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting at Big E's Coffeehouse:

In attendance: Joyce Raby, Mark Libowitz, Peggy Dickson, Helen Harvey, Peggy Dickson

1. Mark Libowitz suggested having a group visioning - we need to develop a proposal to present to groups for support.
2. Joyce suggested approaching Peter Duisberg about potential funding; Mark suggested the larger foundations - Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, Knight Foundation, Teaching Tolerance.
3. Want to coordinate with existing youth groups - New College, Ben Dictor - Mobilize Youth, Progressive Club at Pine View, others? Ideas that were discussed: Using a direct approach to reach students (Peace Jam), organizing regular youth coffeehouses/cafes, after school programs, give films like the Ground Truth away free to students, Service Training Centers (Mark has proposals from his previous work experience), need to empower students to take the lead on getting peace ed into the schools, approach teachers by offering workshops that can go towards the 30 hours they need for school improvement.
4. Schedule individual meetings with new School Board members to discuss nonviolence curriculum.
5. Coordinate interfaith dinner as part of our peace efforts.
6. We will arrange a visit to the Peace Education Foundation in Miami to learn from their experience in introducing a k-12 peace curriculum in Miami-Dade county. Their curriculum is already coordinated with Sunshine State Standards.
7. Potential Partners: Association for Global New Thought, Phillippi Creek School (peace sign outside), Intentional Injuries Committee focuses on Violence Prevention - Tim Enos (School Resource Officer)
8. How do we counter military presence/recruiters on high school campuses? ROTC receives county funding -where is the balance?