

April 28, 2008, 6 to 9 pm Board of Directors Meeting

Attending are board members: Nancy Patterson, Mary Wind, Mary Anne Kirsch, Dr. Don Forrester, Dr. Linda Copeland, and David Dionisi.

Note: Richard Lees is has resigned from the board. Ruben Arvizu was unable to attend and briefed after the meeting. Ezekiel Lebron was also briefed after the meeting and due to schedule demands decided to not join the board. The same is true of Steve Reid and neither Ezekiel or Steve are on the board. Board member Millie Phillips did not attend this meeting as she joined the board in June 2008.

Welcome by Dave Dionisi

2007 Tax Returns

The meeting began with an overview of the 2007 tax returns which was recently completed. Nancy and Mary reviewed the tax return which was straightforward as 100% of funds spent went to support programs and there were no paid employees or employee benefits.

Scott Ritter Iran Classes

Scott Ritter gave a class in January to about 400 JFK students. He followed this with a presentation in Davis to approximately 250 people including students from JFK, Burbank, Rio Americano, and Davis. Both events were very successful and we received many supportive emails.

The Varsity event produced \$4,053 and after travel for Scott and a split of proceeds resulted in \$1,100 for Teach Peace.

Loretto High School

Next we discuss the Loretto Peace Club. Loretto is a Catholic high school for girls. The resistance to our programs because school administrators feared a pro-peace presentation on the Iraq War could result in parent complaints. Dave mentioned that the movie *Amen* is relevant as it shows how the Catholic Church choose silence in World War II to prevent church property from being seized.

To teach peace to the Loretto students, Dave arranged a class to be given at the home of Fadhil Kazily. Loretto student Teresa Kroeger made multiple attempts to teach peace at Loretto. Dave made a note to consider Teresa for a 2008 Student Leadership Award.

Washington, DC Trip

The February trip was a huge success and is planned to be offered in 2009. We will seek to partner with the Peace Alliance as they are planning a Department of Peace focused conference in March 2009.

Publicity and Promotion

Two key radio outlets have closed down. The 1320 and 1240 AM progressive format stations in Sacramento are no longer available to us. We received fantastic support from both and their absence means will we have to work harder to promote events. We have started to develop a new relationship with Peter B. Collins who will be given a 2008 Peace Broadcaster award.

Year in Review

In 2006/2007 we met all our pre-established goals.

See <http://www.teachpeace.com/davisenterprisedec17.htm> and <http://www.teachpeace.com/davisenterprisedec17.htm>.

In 2007/2008, we tested new ideas including Standup for Peace, Teach Peace Moments, Peace Clubs, and Leaders program. The most likely national self sustaining program is the Leaders program. San Francisco has funding and is actively looking for an alternative. The Pentagon is expected to actively seek to frustrate JROTC alternatives so anything more than a small pilot is unlikely in 2008/2009.

CSUS wants to start a Peace Club. Some college and high school teachers use our online materials. Our goal is to have 10 schools actively running a Peace Club or using Teach Peace Foundation materials by the end of 2008. As demands from developing the JROTC alternative weigh in, the focus may go from 10 affiliations to a few schools with an emphasis on San Francisco.

Long-term, we want to build a Peace Center. This would be a physical site where school students and others could travel for powerful educational experiences.

The 2008 Success Plan offers detailed specifics and is available at <http://www.teachpeace.com/Success%20Plan%202008.pdf>.

We applied for two grants and were rejected by both. In both situations the reason for the rejection was unusual. Basically the reaction was hostile as if we were really not peace organizations and therefore should not be submitting grant proposals.

Whole Earth Festival

The Davis High School Peace Club is setting up a booth for the May 9-11 Whole Earth Festival. The focus will be to raise awareness for the Leaders program and online resources we offer.

Leaders Update

The initial meeting with the JROTC Task Force was very positive with the exception of one woman named Sandra Lam. She was clearly not happy that we existed. This week we are presenting to a group called the Curriculum Committee that Sandra Lam leads. Assuming all goes well, after the presentation to Sandra Lam we are to present a Request for Proposal and meet with the School Board.

On an odd note, there is no support and actually active resistance from other peace people in San Francisco. This is odd but somehow Riva Enteen and a few others have concluded our efforts hurt their terminate JROTC efforts. In reality, they are missing the point that as long as the focus is to take something away from the students, politicians like the Mayor will support JROTC. The better strategy is to offer something better while simultaneously making the case the JROTC is harmful to developing student critical thinking.

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_____ Nancy Patterson _____ Mary Wind