

CAMBRIDGE PEACE COMMISSION NOTES

Wednesday, Nov 12, 2008, 6:00-8:30

51 Inman Street – Conference Room, second floor

Next meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Food at 5:45, Meeting 6:00-8:30

Attending: Nancy Murray, Ilse, Grove, Linda, Pat, Brian, Betty, Marty, Rachel, Nancy Seymour, Ardeene, Mushtaque, Radhika

Opening-Brian shared Alice Walker's Open Letter to Barack Obama

Check -In

During Check -In Nancy Murray read her resignation letter with promises to stay connected.

Agenda

-Upcoming Peace and Justice Awards Event

Final details for the Event were discussed and decided. Each member committed to at least one of the event details. The set up group will arrive at the hall at 1:00pm.

Appreciation was expressed to the event committee, Brian, Ardeene, Tami, and Nancy Seymour, who had completed a tremendous amount of work for the event.

-Peace Circles

A long and challenging discussion surfaced many questions, which included:

Is the Peace Commission (PC) a home for the Peace Circles, which originated at the PC in 2007?

What does being a “home” mean?

Who is the Peace Circle Working Group?

What do they want from the PC?

What will happen if other Peace Circles in Cambridge want support from the PC?

What are the financial implications for the PC being the Peace Circle home?

How are decisions made on the Commission about money, sponsorships, projects, endorsements?

Information was shared about past financial gifts and grant to the PC for peace work.

The three mentioned were:

- Yvonne Pappenheim, a bequest for \$5000
- Jonathon Meyers, a gift for \$2500 for dialog and respect conversations.
- CHNA grant, a grant for \$4900 for Peace Circles, part of which was spent in 2007.

Several Commissioners suggested that the Peace Circle working group make a written request to the Peace Commission.

Finally, the discussion did not result in decisions being made. It did, however, result in an atmosphere of concern and desire for clarity about Commissioners' participation, purpose, process, authority, and inclusion in decision making under Brian's leadership.

-Commission Retreat

-Nominations for the Peace Commission

There was no time for the last two items on the Agenda to be considered.

Submitted by Betty Burkes