

Oklahoma Department of Peace Campaign

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March 15, 2007 Meeting Report**

Attending:

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| Jo Anne Alexander | Annye Love | Lydia Gill Polley |
| Bill Bryant | Moses Mast | Wilfredo Santos-Rivera |
| Orra Compton | Sadie Mast | Heather Sparks |
| Hugh Doherty | Johnnie Matthews | Dale Tremper |
| Sharon Doherty | Liz McBeen | John Walters |
| Vesta Edwards | Emily Nieheus | Cynthia Wolf |
| Rex Friend | Glenn Norris | |
| Robin King | Peter Pham | |

Welcome, Introduction – Lydia Polley, facilitator. Meeting convened about 6:35pm. The agenda was reviewed. Bill Bryant agreed to take notes. Vesta volunteered to act as the timekeeper. Each person present introduced him/herself.

Strategic Planning Team –

It was agreed that a planning team should be formed to develop some strategic goals for the campaign. Bill, Glenn, John Walters, Lydia, Peter and Rex volunteered.

Speakers Team –

Lydia distributed copies of the new “Talking Points” from the Peace Alliance and reviewed upcoming speaking engagements.

Annye reported that she spoke at the Prospect Baptist Church and a meeting of the NAACP. She suggested that our campaign should be intentional about reaching out to racial and ethnic minority communities.

Annye, Bill, Cynthia, Liz, Orra, Peter, Vesta, Wilfredo and Dale (who is willing to speak, as needed) volunteered to work on the Speakers Team, including making contacts to line up speaking engagements for the campaign.

Finance Report –

Lydia distributed a Finance Report showing the February balance of \$144.00; expenses for printing and purchasing campaign items of \$221; current deficit of \$77.

Rex offered an amendment to the report of \$211 collected at the February 20th meeting and deposited into a “Department of Peace” campaign account that will be maintained by the Oklahoma City Religious Society of Friends. The Society of Friends has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for the DOP campaign in Oklahoma.

Lydia asked for input on the pricing of campaign items like buttons and bumper stickers. Jo Anne’s suggestion of \$1 for everything was accepted. It was noted that T-Shirts are distributed by the Peace Alliance at the price of \$15 or \$20. All items are from the national campaign and basically “not for profit”.

Rex suggested that we postpone action on fundraising until we after the planning group reports and we have developed a budget. His suggestion was accepted.

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Resolutions –

Democratic Precincts & House Districts that passed Resolutions were reported by:

- Glenn (Edmond)
- Annye and Liz
- Rex (suburb of Arcadia)
- Orra (noted that 15 people attended his meeting (an increase over previous years))
- Lydia (8 precincts in House District 87)

Resolutions must move through the County Resolutions Committee to be presented to the Democratic Party's Oklahoma County Convention March 31.

Orra reported that a Resolution is progressing through channels of the United Methodist Church.

Jo Anne commented that presenting a Resolution to the Oklahoma City Council might be a good project for this summer's Teen Peace Camp.

Outreach to Other Communities --

These suggestions were made for reaching out to other groups:

- Native American community ... Annye, Jo Anne
- Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts ... Vesta
- Camp Fire ... Rex
- Oklahoma History Center ... Johnnie
- YMCA / YWCA ... Vesta
- Lady's Auxiliary at St. John's Catholic (Yukon) ... Emily

Development of the Campaign in other Congressional Districts --

Continuing this February meeting topic, Lydia asked Glenn to display the wall-chart map that he had made of our five congressional districts and review suggested strategies.

Discussion:

- In CD-5, Jeff Hamilton, who served with Rep. Fallin when they were both members of the State House of Representatives has secured an appointment with Mary Fallin's chief of staff (Nate Webb) on April 4th for himself and Lydia. John Walters suggested that we make a presentation at the Tulsa Peace House. It was noted that Tony Nuspl is the DOP coordinator for this district.
- In CD-4, Glenn expressed some hope that Rep. Tom Cole might be persuaded to co-sponsor HR 808, based on Cole's connections to the Choctaw Nation.
- In CD-3, Glenn reported that he is working to identify church leaders who might be sympathetic to the goals of the Department of Peace. In that regard, Liz suggested that we ought to research the religious affiliation of our Members of Congress.

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- In CD-3, Moses and Sadie reported that they have a contact who is likely to be a supporter of the DOP.

Glenn remarked that he will finish the map for further planning at our next meeting.

Other Outreach Notes –

Robin offered to place a petition in her yoga studio.

The website for our Oklahoma campaign is located at ... www.ok-global.com/dop

Talking Points for Conservatives Team

John Walters read the Team's suggested arguments, evidence, viewpoints, and persuasive comments and will email them to us..

The Oklahoma Campaign Powerpoint → DVD –

Lydia reported that the conversion of the Oklahoma Powerpoint to a video is underway and can be viewed by any who wish to stay after the meeting. Production cost will be covered by an anonymous donor.

Announcements –

March 17th – Rally---State Capitol--4th anniversary of Iraq invasion—DOPNV table

March 18th -- Spiritual Walk for Peace--Episcopal Center--DOP table

March 19th -- Barak Obama—Farmer's Market

March 31st – Oklahoma Democratic Party County Convention

April 20th through April 22nd –

The Oklahoma Committee for Conscientious Objectors is having a training session on techniques for counseling members of the military. Increasing numbers of soldiers are going AWOL or otherwise resisting deployment. Consequently, there is a growing need for counselors who can help to give lawful guidance and advice. For more information, see OCCO's website at ... www.okobjector.org.

Campaign Meeting Date, Time and Place

The decision was made to establish monthly meetings for the *third Thursday, 6:30 pm, at Mayflower Congregation Church. Next Meeting will be Thursday, April 19th, 6:30.*

Adjournment --

The meeting adjourned at about 8pm.

Submitted by Bill Bryant

3/24/07

After the Meeting:

- Lydia showed a short video from The Peace Alliance, showing excerpts from the national conference;

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- She also showed a clip from the Oklahoma Campaign's DVD (in production); and
- The members of the Strategic Planning Team agreed to meet on Wednesday, March 21st, 6pm, at the Thai House II Restaurant.

Check out Liz McBeen's website at:

www.OkieOdyssey.com