

Homewood Friends
Peace and Social Justice Committee
Minutes of Meeting June 9, 2019, 1 pm

Regrets were received from Jo Brown, Kathryn Munnell and Peter Phalen.

In attendance were Debbie Cooper, Jean Athey and Barbara Bezdek (clerk).

After a brief period of gathering worship, those present were prepared to approve the minutes of May meeting.

The notes from BQPJC potluck discussion on May 25, 2019 were distributed.

Business:

1. **Nuclear Ban Treaty, June 18 event.** We are all set for the meetup of area groups, at Homewood to hear traveling Friends TImmon Wallis and Vicki Elson discuss Nuclear Ban Treaty work and divestment strategies. Co-sponsors include Howard County Peace Action, Prevent Nuclear War Maryland, Maryland United for Peace and Justice, Peace Action Montgomery, Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, Anne Arundel Peace Action.
 - Jean will bring cookies, Barbara will set up snack table.
 - Mina will circulate the final flyer (attached)
2. **Re-entry aide for Returning Citizens** – under development
 - a. *Fall conference* to address corrections officials and others: Barbara announced that Marylanders Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR, www.m4jr.org) is planning a conference on prisoner re-entry/returning citizens policy in Maryland, in September. Phil Caroom and Bob Rhudy may seek help from Homewood, SR committees. Likely downtown.
 - b. *PSJ Research Project*/to divvy up.
Last month we realized we need to learn somewhat more about the form and extent of support/services for people returning to Baltimore from incarceration.
 - Printout of services in Baltimore City –pp 22-53 of RE-entry Resources Guide, National Re-entry Resource Center, csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc

- Very little immediate reception/hospitality
- Few resources especially tailored to returnees
- Many providers of substance abuse/mental health –
- Q, Peter, Michael Fell – do you know any of these, would you follow up re their aid to returning citizens?
- CALLS to get background, identify potential panelists for workshop I the fall: good bets appear to be
 - Out for Justice
 - Northwest One-Stop Career center (p.45)
 - Goodwill SEETTS program (p.32)
 - Possibly Micah House/GEDCO
- Additional ideas for self-education? Actions for HFM?, potential collaborators?

3. **Baltimore Ceasefire** November weekend coincides with Baltimore Yearly Meeting Interim Meeting. Jo is pursuing with the planning committee how to include showing *Sage*, the award-winning short film about Baltimore Ceasefire and Erikka Bridgeford. More to come.

4. **Deepening our peace studies.** Those present agreed that, however much we ultimately opt to do to develop peaceable materials, events, networking, or training opportunities – we should start with identifying the resources we possess.

- a. In the Homewood library:
 - i. Will someone check out the Library Committee digital list, is it organized by topic, searchable?
 - ii. Let's start reading – peace, nonviolence and antiwar books and pamphlets are to the right of the office door panels.
 - iii. Would we want to write occasional Peace Notes about what's here? Short reviews for newsletter or web page; plan to host a reading series within the meeting in the fall.

After a moment of closing worship, we concluded at 1:30 pm.

Recorded by Barbara Bezdek