

Minutes for Sunday, February 21, 2010

Peace and Social Action Committee

Present: Jon Thomas, Jane Thomas, Julie Thielen-Montgomery, Mary Alice Horrigan, and Martha Dickinson, chair.

The meeting was convened around 9 AM.

1. We briefly discussed and unanimously approved (with Kay Wilkins approving in absentia) the Draft CSAI on "[Ethical Eating](#)" (Comment period closes March 1, 2010). The Board had assigned us the task of approving or not and we will send our results directly to the UUA. We will continue to discuss implementation by us.
2. We decided to host a program on Gaza by Tom Jackson, of the Acadia Friends Meeting. Tom recently returned from a visit to Gaza. See www.joepublicfilms.com. Martha will ask him if he can do it on March 26 or April 9, Friday nights, at 7 pm.
3. We agreed to endorse the 5th Annual End Mountaintop Removal Week in Washington, D. C. the second week in March. Martha plans to attend this educational and lobbying effort and will speak with our congressional delegation or their staffs. Jane suggested we gather signatures on a petition to send to DC for this. Martha will write them up and take them to church next week.
4. We will endorse and/or co-sponsor the March 20 teach-in at UU Church in Bangor on "**Bring Our War Dollars Home — The impact of the war in Afghanistan**". Mary Alice will speak at this event and Martha may participate in a workshop on Alternatives to Military Service for Youth. More information is at <http://peacectr.org>
5. We will endorse and/or co-sponsor the **16th annual HOPE (*Help Organize Peace Earthwide*) Festival on Saturday, April 24th from 11 AM to 4 PM** at the U Maine Student Recreation & Fitness Center in Orono. Last year Mary Alice had a table at this event but will not this year.
6. Martha reported on her recent trip to El Salvador as a member of the MOFGA delegation. We hope to sponsor a program about the MOFGA sistering in El Salvador with Paul and Karen Volkhausen as speakers. They have been a part of this work for many years. This event would fit in well with the Ethical Eating focus.
7. Everybody Eats welcomes volunteers on Mondays, 11 am to 3 pm or 3 pm to 7 pm. (This also fits in with Ethical Eating!)

We adjourned at about 10 AM until our **next meeting, Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 9 am.**

Yours truly, Martha Dickinson