

CNY Solidarity Coalition Coordinating Committee  
Meeting notes from August 2, 2017

Attending: Randy, Elaine, Michaela, Julio, Andy, Peter, Mark

### **Legal Observer Training**

Tom K, Ron van Norstrand, & Katie Tastrom discussing possibility of brief presentation at full Coalition meeting regarding possibility of future training for Coalition members to be legal observers at rallies, protests, and other actions

### **Developing Principles for Action**

Peter proposes that we think about process/conversation for developing guiding principles for non-violent action at future Coalition meeting – September. Important to establish common vocabulary about civil disobedience, direct action, etc, so that coalition members can meaningfully discuss possible actions. Peter suggests possibility of multiple trainings to pass along knowledge/experience to members who wish to engage in such actions.

### **Incorporation**

Julio agreed to convene the Incorporation group (Julio, Peter, Dana, Dick, Doug, Brian, others?) to think about next steps.

### **Coordinating Committee Composition**

Continuing concern about diversity of CC, as well as Coalition membership. Agreed that Julie D. should be invited to join CC. Agreed that we should also approach Hassan about joining CC. Over longer term, we agreed with Julio's suggestion that it is desirable for Coalition to build relationships of solidarity with existing community groups so that diversification of the Coalition might emerge organically out of these relationships. Elaine sent CC members a link to part of Coalition web page that lists various community groups. We also agreed that we should seek update from Outreach Committee regarding these kinds of efforts.

### **Coordinating Committee Handbook**

Randy and other CC members agreed that it would be helpful to new CC members to have some written resources and guidelines to help us avoid re-inventing the wheel. Mark agreed to contact past CC members to ask them for one or two pieces of advice or wisdom acquired by experience on previous CC. If each successive CC contributes similar tips, this could become valuable source of collective memory and resource for future CCs.

### **Re-engaging & motivating Coalition membership**

CC agreed that late summer Coalition meeting should include collective brainstorming and discussion about members' priorities, goals for Coalition. Elaine, Michaela, and Brian will develop survey to get a sense of members' views of Coalition activities and purposes. We hope to be able to discuss survey results as part of brainstorming activity at August 23 Coalition meeting.

### **Workers' Center & Jail Ministries/Slocum House**

We discussed two possible pathways of response to this situation. One would be to reach out to Jail Ministries/Slocum House and try to facilitate negotiations with Workers' Center aimed at preserving accommodations. Second possibility would be to investigate alternative possible accommodations if Slocum House is definitely unavailable. General sense that initiative should be with Outreach/Community Defense Committee rather than CC.

**Update List of Coalition Committees**

Andy & Elaine agreed to update our Google Doc listing of Coalition Committees and Contact persons.

**Future Coalition Meetings**

Sunday August 6, Peter coordinating, Flipped meeting with Committee breakouts followed by report backs to get a sense of activities, progress reports, future plans or ideas.

Wednesday Aug 23, 7pm, Randy Coordinating, No breakouts. Possible topics: Legal Observer Training; Rapid Response & need for help monitoring local immigration enforcement.

Andy & Peter put together this table for planning future Coalition meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time; Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Format/Agenda</b>	<b>Lead organizers</b>
10/1/17	Sunday; BH?	Full Coalition	Understanding/Developing Principles for Action. 90 min.	
9/19/17	Wed 7-8:30; TBD	TBD	TBD	
9/10/17	Sunday; BH?	TBD	Welcome back, Outreach to new members, setting direction	Andy
8/23/2017	Wed. 7-8:30 PM; BH confirmed	TBD	TBD	Randy
8/6/2017	Sunday 3-5 PM; BH is confirmed	Flipped format	Breakout groups/committee meetings, then updates on Committee actions	Peter

Note: BH is Bishop Harrison Center at All Saints Church, 1342 Lancaster Ave, Syr. 13210

**Next CC Meeting: Thursday August 17, 7PM. Mark will coordinate agenda & facilitate.**