

Notes from CNY Solidarity Coalition Coordinating Committee (“CCC”) Meeting  
7/5/17

Present: Dana, Carol, Elaine, Peter, Michaela, Brian, Andy, Jennifer, Julio, Eric, Randy

Facilitators/NoteTakers: We confirmed that the Notetaker at a CCC meeting would be the Facilitator at the next meeting, unless they prefer not to or cannot do so. Jennifer took notes at this meeting and will facilitate at the next meeting on July 20.

Upcoming Meetings: Time for the next two meetings on July 20 and August 2 will be changed to 7PM-8:30PM subject to any objection by CCC members not in attendance. (Note: Per Dana, after the meeting, there were no objections by any other CCC members to the change of time.)

1. Muslim Ban response - We discussed whether the CNY Solidarity Coalition (hereinafter “Coalition”) should respond to the latest iteration of the Muslim ban. It was suggested that this would be better handled by the outreach committee. Andy is part of that committee and will discuss with them how to handle and strengthen such responses in future.

2. CCC Membership

Information regarding the new CCC membership:

- \* Info for new members of the CCC can be found on Google docs at:

  - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwBMhsEuhFPqWmdJcVVpeEppZ1U>

- \* Peter is working on a spreadsheet of the various email lists.

- \* Carol will put together a doc on venues with contact info for the meeting spaces we use.

- \* Eric noted that diversity is something that needs to be improved in the group. He and Julio will work on this issue and report back to the group.

- \* Andy would like to see a more standard email address with the group name in it.

- a. Report back from member organizations re CC appointments:

- i. Eric: SPC

- ii. Julio: Labor

- iii. Peter: Workers’ Center

- b. Report on CC Diversity: Julio and Eric

3. Coalition Picnic Update: Jennifer, Michaela. The picnic is set for Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. We will contact the Workers’ Center to borrow the amp and mic for open mic opportunities for anyone to speak about the Coalition and the progress we have made.

(Note: Since the meeting, we have confirmed the Thornden Amphitheater as the place with attendees to bring dishes to pass. The Coalition may provide plates, cups and cutlery depending on the number of attendees and dishes.

4. CNY Solidarity Coalition issues:

- a. Incorporation/Organizational status update: The Coalition will have panelists and open questions at the next meeting to discuss any questions regarding this topic.
- b. Action guidelines: Peter spoke about what kind of guidelines are needed for various actions by the Coalition such as:
  - i. When a member is speaking for the Coalition
  - ii. What is the Coalition's position on civil disobedience
  - iii. Consider the balance between private space (eg. Katko's residence) and the right to public protest.
  - iv. Appropriate or inappropriate language used in public
  - v. Limitations on physical and verbal action.

Many ideas were discussed such as:

It is common for a group like the Coalition to have guidelines but some members are not sure we want or should have guidelines.

It may be worthwhile to have education and history regarding civil disobedience and non-violence before a meeting because some/most members may not have an accurate view of these topics.

The Coalition is guided by non-violence but policing behavior is problematic.

Sometimes political action is difficult and may seem inappropriate by some.

So far, there has been no discussion about quashing certain language; however, there should be a conversation for the entire Coalition since we are all implicitly connected.

Peter and Andy are going to meet to put together something to bring to the entire Coalition regarding this topic.

- c. Pledge: (Dick, Kanat) - Julio to check on status and get back to us.

5. Full Coalition Meetings:

We discussed various locations for up coming meetings.

St. Lucy's: This does not have great breakout space but, if we use it, perhaps we can donate some food to their food bank.

All Saints and Holy Rosary have great breakout space.

It may be that working with an organization in the community will also encourage new members from that organization.

Randy and Elaine will work with Andy to set up the next Coalition meeting.

There were suggestions for upcoming meetings that we should consider on 7/26/17 and future meetings, for example;

We could have a non-violence education at the 8/23/17 meeting;

We could consider changing up or re-framing the format;

We could consider ceremonies or sharing of activism from other places as a way to build connections in the Coalition;

We should consider ways to bring in more members;

We should consider special events to hold in September to energize the Coalition; and

We need to do more work of the heart.