

CNY Solidarity Coalition Annual Meeting  
January 8, 2023  
2:05 – 2:50 pm  
Bishop Harrison Center

Attendance: 33

Dick Kornbluth called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

### 1. Election of Coordinating Committee

Dick asked if there were any ***nominations from the floor*** for Coordinating Committee (CC) members. Dick informed participants of the CC duties:

- Keep organization running; develop topics for meetings; facilitate meetings
- Approve donations to organizations or for services of \$250 or less on behalf of CNY Solidarity.
- Prepare and disseminate weekly newsletter.
- Have meetings the Wednesday after each CNY Solidarity meeting, usually only one a month.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Dick stated that the 5 current members have agreed to serve for another year: Dick Kornbluth, Peter McCarthy, Christine Flynn, Brent Bleier, Elaine Denton. Barry Gordon made the motion ***to nominate as a single slate the 5 current CC members for another 1-year term***; second by Mary Kuhn. All in favor.

2. **Other Business:** *Discussion of increasing dollar amount that Coordinating Committee (CC) may authorized without approval of CNY Solidarity.* Ron Ehrenreich made a motion ***to increase to \$275 (from \$250) the amount CC may approve for programs and/ or services on behalf of CNY Solidarity Coalition***; second by Mary Kuhn. All in favor.

### 3. Reports by CNY Solidarity Anchor Organizations

- *Syracuse PEACE Council* – Ayeh Hajjari reported that she and co-worker, Lee Cridland, have been with SPC just a few months, and their first action was to help prepare for the Plowshares festival which was back at Nottingham H.S. this year, and it went well. SPC will have a volunteer open house on January 12 from 6-7 pm.
- *Urban Jobs Task Force* – Aggie Lane reported that in 2022 urban workers for I-81 project are in the RFP for Project-Labor Agreement. NYS DOT is working with UJTF workforce committee. Aggie reported also that actions by citizens helped push the DOT to accept some of their suggestions.
- *Cultural Workers* – Karen Kearney reported that the agency will be moving to a co-op model of operation.

### 4. Reports of standing committees of CNY Solidarity Coalition

Reports of standing committees are found in written annual report found on Facebook page.

**5. Additional Business of Coordinating Committee (in preparation for future meeting):**

Dick asked the membership to reflect on the past work of CNY Solidarity Coalition.

*Q -- What do we do well?*

A --We give voice to other smaller groups. We should continue to do that.

Training; we should get more allies

Climate justice

*Q --What should we start doing?*

A – Work on housing issues like Uplift

Gun control – do we have any alliances? Response – there is a Moms Command Action chapter in the area.

Annual meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.