

Peace & Earth meeting

Date: 11-21-10

Present: Kitti, Jen, Susan, Pat

Kitti printed out queries for our discussion and we discussed how to proceed for our Spiritual Enrichment event, which will be on December 19, 2010. Susan will request that a copy of the queries be put into the email that Steve sends out the week before. Susan will take notes of our discussion and will include them in our Peace & Earth minutes from earlier in the day.

Kitti brought up a Friend, Jenny Sheeks, who is involved in WITNESS TO INNOCENCE and the campaign FAITH IN LIFE. She is involved with stopping the death penalty. She is asking us for a donation. A suggestion was made that we wait until January Peace & Earth meeting to decide on further budget disbursements. This was agreed to.

Susan brought up the presentation by Mike Boehm on his peace work in Vietnam, which was held at UU Church in Asheville on November 12, 2010. Pat also attended this event. He is working on 'compassion housing' for the victims of the war on Vietnam. He is also working on the My Lai Peace Park Project, which includes building schools and making small business loans to women in Vietnam. Mike Boehm has been supported by the Madison Quakers, and he is in need of funding to continue his work in Vietnam. We will consider this organization also when we disburse funds in January. Susan mentioned that Mike Boehm got the children of the Quaker Meeting in Madison to make drawings and friendship bracelets for the children in Vietnam. Susan will talk to Robin and Joy about doing that at our Meeting. (Update: Robin and Joy said that children have not been coming to Meeting lately. Stephanie said that she knew how to make friendship bracelets, and would be willing to teach this project to children.) The address for donations or artwork is Madison Quakers, Inc. at PO Box 1461, Madison WI 53701-1461.

Susan brought up NO MORE VICTIMS and how they are bringing Salee back to Greenville for new prosthetic legs. Susan thought it would be a good idea to hold a vegetarian potluck at the Meeting House in honor of Salee and her father, and to introduce them to the Meeting. This was supported by Peace & Earth. We will consider this organization also when we disburse funds in January.

Pat shared the news that she will be going to Tanzania to work with Global Service Corps, which is affiliated with Earth Island Institute. She will be doing medical work there.

Next meeting is December 19, 2010.