AGENDA
WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS
INTRODUCTIONS OF THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS
ANNOUNCEMENTS - MEMBER FORUM - SOLIDARITY ACTIONS FOR 2022....
Voting Results for Chosen Actions, Creating committees for moving strategies forward.
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Hello everyone, what branches is Sandy with?
I’m with the East Bay Branch, and we meet together with the San Francisco Branch.
Here are where you can find our meeting recordings:
https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls
Join us! www.wilpfus.org/join
I’m so glad to welcome new board members. Working together in many ways!
So good to have your minutes, Dianne — at and after Board meetings!
Thanks, Phillip, for the reminder: In the world today, Integrity!
please re-post the text pad url
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https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qFVbaENi8dnYfz6hdp6txw9JmjEC1vAF3gaqPE79A/edit?usp=sharing
THIS YEAR’S 22 JAN DEMONSTRATIONS CAN BE FOUND HERE:
https://www.icanw.org/events
There are 12 events already listed and more are being added every day
59 ratifications - see https://www.icanw.org/signature_and_ratification_status

The 3 Proposed SOLIDARITY ACTIONS we voted on are:
1- Voting Rights Legislation, Registration and GOTV efforts.
2- The Poor People's Campaign June 18 March on Washington DC.
3- The Mayors for Peace anti-nuclear project.
Jackie Cabasso’s brilliant TOOLKIT for Mayors for Peace:

Eight states will have a Poor People’s Campaign M.O.R.E Tour in April-May. The stop in CA is May 9th.

This chart will be posted on our webpage with the recording of the meeting.

How much staff time can be applied to helping branches with voting rights?

My branch, Greater Phoenix, was recorded incorrectly. I wonder if that was the case for anyone else.

We need volunteers to form action committees to formulate a national strategy for working on this.
bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): And what I am talking about is not "anti" voting-rights issues at all . . .

Jennifer Bailey: This is a time for redistricting that could effect the voting. Any thoughts?

Paula Rochelle San Jose: I have worked with Reclaim our Vote https://reclaim-our-vote.webflow.io a non-profit group working to educate voters and monitor voting registration status. A BIPOC led organization. I wrote postcards to voters in NC who might have been removed from voter rolls. Nonpartisan.

Theresa El-Amin: Stack

Joan Goddard: We need to hear from Dorothy Van Soest about other organizing within WILPF about prep for the PPC activity before and in June.

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: I understand that it needs to be non-partisan. Getting out the vote is non-partisan, I think. There may be other activities too that we can do as branches.

Rowan Fairgrove: If there is a PPC action committee for WILPF, I’m interested in working on that.


bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): In addition to the Mayors for Peace actions, there is also the ICAN Pledge project that could be worked on simultaneously and towards the same end of support for the TPNW (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons) and I think that some branches and individuals) had expressed interest in the possibility of both. i.e., I don’t see any negativity about work on both of those areas around disarmament.

Darien De Lu: This is thoughtful discussion, but aren’t we focused on making a decision, BY POLLING / VOTING on behalf of yourself and/or your branch. SEPARATELY In our communities, by phone and online, we can be working to educate voters and monitor voting registration status, redistricting that could effect the voting.

Marybeth Gardam: Thank you Darien. YES we need to vote!!

Marybeth Gardam: Or rather we need to commit to subcommittees for action to work on these.

Odile Hugonot-Haber: Ypsilanti?

Ellenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Rather than voting, can’t we just each say what our branch is willing to work on? The vote has already been done, right? It will become clear what we have the bandwidth to work on if we all make commitments...

Darien De Lu: Whoops — I meant to say branches can work together as well as individually. Whatever

Leni Villagomez Reeves: There are very determined efforts being made at voter suppression in many areas of the country. Laws are being passed limiting people’s right to vote. It’s a lot more than just supporting the national voting rights legislation and then registering people to vote. Fresno County, which is now a county with more Brown and Black than white people, but which has a Board of Supervisors entirely composed of white men and one Chicano, is currently involved in a redistricting process which is being manipulated to preserve the status quo. We are allied with other organizations in this struggle to allow people to be represented, not excluded.

Jennifer Bailey: Interesting thought process Theresa
01:33:53  Eileen Kurkoski: 1
01:33:56  Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: number 1
01:34:05  Rowan Fairgrove: PPC
01:34:07  Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: voters
01:34:08  Ashley Carrington: voters
01:34:09  emily keel: PPC
01:34:15  Odile Hugonot-Haber: PPC
01:34:16  Leni Villagomez Reeves: Voting rights
01:34:18  Paula Rochelle San Jose: voters
01:34:26  Eileen Kurkoski: Voting 1 PPC 2
01:34:34  Sandy Thacker: Voting rights
01:34:36  Joan Goddard: Voting PPC
01:34:41  Pam Albright: VOTE
01:34:44  Betty Traynor-San Francisco: Voting
01:34:47  sylvia metzler: voters
01:34:51  Jane Hendley: PPC
01:34:52  Marybeth Gardam: Voting
01:34:58  Nancy Price: VOTING RIGHTS Nancy
01:35:10  Dianne Blais: ppc
01:35:15  Darien De Lu: Both!
01:35:20  Jean Hopkins: Voting

01:35:20  Theresa El-Amin: I'm leaving now. I don't understand what's going on.

01:35:20  Donna Pihl, Cape Cod Land of Wompanoag: Voting
01:35:23  Ellen Mass: mayors for peace
01:35:45  Donna Pihl, Cape Cod Land of Wompanoag: I made up a new word!
01:36:08  Virginia Pratt: Our Boston branch members are interested in both and all 3. Virginia
01:36:19  Theresa El-Amin: Mayors for Peace. Goodnight.
01:37:36  Darien De Lu: I like it, Donna: a concept combining for voters and nurturing: votering!

01:37:41  Phillip : Vote
01:38:22  Barbara Taft: Greater Phoenix voted 100% for number 3, but got recorded elsewhere. They'll work on Mayors for Peace.

01:38:25  Odile Hugonot-Haber: Ann Arbor is already with Mayors for Peace but March 1 is a national mobilization to end the war in Yemen.

01:38:25  Judy Adams: I keep losing the call. I'd like to see Vote and PPC combined. I don't have time to help with national planning, however, if I could provide some resources on the combo. Judy Adams

01:38:29  bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): Why are we doing this again - this is very confusing. Our EB & SF branches gave our priorities and are comfortable with them.

01:39:00  Rowan Fairgrove: A bit about what the PPC did in 2020 around voting

01:39:37  Jennifer Bailey: Voting Rights
01:39:43  Odile Hugonot-Haber: yes branches have priorities already! and so issue committees.

01:40:31  Nada Farhat: Mayors for peace, Nada
01:40:50  Nancy Price: STACK nancy
Leni Villagomez Reeves: This is interesting but strange. The majority of the branches and individuals voted for the option that does not yet have any WILPF “infra-structure” in terms of a committee. Instead of talking about how to implement the decision reflected in the vote, we are spending most of the time discussing the other 2 options.

Nada Farhat: Sorry I have to leave, Goodnight

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Yes, Leni. Let's get the Voting Rights committee on a list, do a doodle poll, and figure out when we can meet.

Joan Goddard: Dorothy said that Rev. Barber and Rev. Liz T. will probably meet with those who want to work within WILPF US on voting — in conjunction with PPC.

Dianne Blais: Voting Rights is currently the major issue of the LWV

Ellen Mass: Are we dropping Mayors for Peace and disarmament issue?

Joan Goddard: We need to recruit other members in addition to those who are attending tonight.

Cherrill Spencer: Mayor for peace was in 3rd place as a solidarity event for 2022.

Ashley Carrington: I'm interested in Mayors as well

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Joan, let’s start with those on the call and then reach out.

Cherrill Spencer: DISARM committee has been pursuing mayors for peace for years.

Judy Adams: once we get the doodle poll for the two interest groups, we can set a meeting and I think it will work as a combined group and we can then select a volunteer coordinator at that time.

Darien De Lu: We’re not dropping anything, we’re PASSING ALONG the tool kit and the invitation to interested branches to choose work on the solidarity actions and MORE!

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: I am willing to send out the Doodle Poll for the Voting Rights group. Then that group can decide how it will interface with the PPC voter registration campaign.

Joan Goddard: Is there really a reason for the two groups to meet separately?!

Joan Goddard: Maybe we will decide to do that soon.

Judy Adams: our branch has been active in recruiting for MfP as well as back from the brink and will continue that activity, in addition, to I hope a combined Vote/PPC solidarity group. Just my thoughts. I'm sorry I joined late coming back from SF and kept losing the call, subsequently. I think the combination might work well.

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: It’s hard enough for WILPF to focus, so I lean toward starting with a single focus.

Ellen Schwartz: I look forward to working on whatever we do, but right now I have to set up another meeting, starting in 10 minutes...

Cherrill Spencer: One has to use the wilpf-branches listserv to tell members about solidarity events

Darien De Lu: https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qFVbaENi8dnYfz6hdIp6txw9JmjEC1vAF3gagPE79A/edit

Cherrill Spencer: but the branch liaisons are not that good on forwarding emails to their branch member

Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: I need to leave in a few minutes, but will watch for the list of VR folks! Thank you all...

Darien De Lu: Concise and informative!

Darien De Lu: Good to have someone to turn to for advice on contacting branches. I look forward to better branch communications.
emily keel: There is great passion here!

Betty Traynor-San Francisco: Recommend co-coordinators - 2 people/solidarity action