



## CHAT - One WILPF Call Zoom

January 13, 2022

00:39:44 Marybeth Gardam:

### 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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00:39:48 Ellen Thomas: **TEXT PAD LINK:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qFVbaENi8dnYfz6hdlp6txw9JmjEC1vAF3gaqPE79A/edit>

00:40:46 Odile Hugonot-Haber: Hello everyone, what branches is Sandy with?

00:42:20 Sandy Thacker: I'm with the East Bay Branch, and we meet together with the San Francisco Branch.

00:42:30 Marybeth Gardam: Here are where you can find our meeting recordings:  
<https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

00:42:49 Marybeth Gardam: Join us! [www.wilpfus.org/join](http://www.wilpfus.org/join)

00:42:50 Darien De Lu: I'm so glad to welcome new board members. Working together in many ways!

00:45:08 Darien De Lu: So good to have your minutes, Dianne — at and after Board meetings!

00:47:35 Darien De Lu: Thanks, Phillip, for the reminder: In the world today, Integrity!

### developments.

00:49:20 Cherrill Spencer: please re-post the text pad url

00:50:04 Marybeth Gardam: Here is the TEXTPAD link:

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00:55:34 Cherrill Spencer: **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

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**Leni Villagomez Reeves:** [lenivreeves@gmail.com](mailto:lenivreeves@gmail.com)

Cindy Domingo: [cindydomingo@gmail.com](mailto:cindydomingo@gmail.com)

The **Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee** meets the 2nd Monday of the Month - next meeting: **February 14** at 5 pacific, 6 mountain, 7 central, 8 eastern time.

01:00:05 Ellen Thomas: 59 ratifications - see [https://www.icanw.org/signature\\_and\\_ratification\\_status](https://www.icanw.org/signature_and_ratification_status)

01:00:54 Marybeth Gardam:

### The 3 Proposed **SOLIDARITY ACTIONS** we voted on are:

- 1- Voting Rights Legislation, Registration and GOTV efforts.
- 2- 2- The Poor People's Campaign June 18 March on Washington DC.
- 3- 3- The Mayors for Peace anti-nuclear project.

01:07:53 Marybeth Gardam: :

## Jackie Cabasso's brilliant TOOLKIT for Mayors for Peace:

<http://www.wslfweb.org/docs/MAYORS%20FOR%20PEACE%20ACTION%20TOOL%20KIT.rev%2011-16-21.pdf>

01:08:51 Rowan Fairgrove:

**Eight states will have a Poor People's Campaign M.O.R.E Tour in April-May. The stop in CA is May 9<sup>th</sup>**

01:12:47 Dorothy Van Soest: DOROTHY VAN SOEST stack

01:12:51 Darien De Lu: DARIEN stack

01:12:55 Leni Villagomez Reeves: LENI stack

01:14:45 robin lloyd: ROBIN LLOYD stack

01:15:24 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: ELENITA MUNIZ

01:15:44 bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): Has a copy of this chart been sent out to all of us on the call? And, if not, could those of us who want a copy of this document be sent one? I would much appreciate a copy of this document.

BLN.SF.CA@GMAIL.COM. Many thanks. Bln

**CHART REFERRED TO IS POSTED at** <https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

01:15:45 Joan Goddard: stack

01:16:30 Marybeth Gardam: **This chart will be posted on our webpage with the recording of the meeting.**

01:16:30 Ellen Schwartz: because the voting was confused. More than one person has pointed out that some of the choices complement each other.

01:16:50 Nancy Price: STACK Nancy Price

01:16:53 Marybeth Gardam: The voting was VERY clear... not confused.

01:17:45 Leni Villagomez Reeves: I agree - the voting was very clear and branches made their choices clear.

01:19:25 robin lloyd: HOW MUCH STAFF TIME CAN BE APPLIED TO HELPING BRANCHES WITH VOTING RIGHTS?

01:19:37 Barbara Taft: My branch, Greater Phoenix, was recorded incorrectly. I wonder if that was the case for anyone else.

01:19:54 Marybeth Gardam: Robin we have not ever had staff available to help with national level organizing for Solidarity Actions.

01:20:03 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Good question, Robin.

01:20:41 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: How does it work, then,, Mary

01:20:48 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Mary

01:20:53 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch:

01:20:59 Ellen Thomas: Textpad:

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01:21:09 bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): This is confusing. WILPF-USA IS NONPARTISAN AND WE CANNOT SUPPORT POLITICAL PARTIES AND/OR INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL CANDIDATES - THAT IS NOT OUR JOB, NOR OUR MISSION, AND WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ENGAGED IN SUCH ACTIONS - WE WENT THROUGH THIS WHEN H. CLINTON RAN FOR NATIONAL OFFICE. WE CAN AND DO SUPPORT ISSUES, AND ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THE ISSUES THAT WE SUPPORT. Are people on this call just not being careful in how they formulate what they really mean? Or are they forgetting what we are allowed to do, vis a vis partisan politics?

01:21:12 Betty Traynor-San Francisco: **HOW MANY SOLIDARITY ACTIONS CAN WE DO--ONE OR TWO?**

01:21:15 Marybeth Gardam:

Elenita... we need volunteers to form action committees to formulate a national strategy for working on this.

01:21:34 bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): And what I am talking about is not "anti" voting-rights issues at all . . .

01:21:51 Jennifer Bailey: This is a time for redistricting that could effect the voting. Any thoughts?

01:23:24 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.

01:23:27 Theresa El-Amin: Stack

01:23:49 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.

01:23:57 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.

01:25:08 Rowan Fairgrove: If there is a PPC action committee for WILPF, I'm interested in working on that.

01:25:44 Marybeth Gardam: : **Jackie Cabasso's TOOLKIT for Mayors for Peace:**  
<http://www.wslfweb.org/docs/MAYORS%20FOR%20PEACE%20ACTION%20TOOL%20KIT.rev%2011-16-21.pdf>

01:25:50 Ellen Thomas: **US Mayors for Peace listed here:**  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/members/area/northamerica.html>

01:28:26 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.

01:28:46 bln - unceded Ohlone land (SF): DID TINA NEED TO LOWER HER HAND?

01:30:41 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.

01:31:03 Marybeth Gardam: Thank you Darien. YES we need to vote!!

01:31:23 Marybeth Gardam: Or rather we need to commit to subcommittees for action to work on these.

01:31:37 Odile Hugonot-Haber: Ypsilanti?

01:31:55 Elenita 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...

01:32:44 Darien De Lu: Whoops — I meant to say branches can work together as well as individually. Whatever

01:33:06 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.

01:33:21 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  
01:34:41 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: Votering  
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  
<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/waking-the-sleeping-giant-poor-and-low-income-voters-in-the-2020-elections/>

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

01:46:35 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.

01:48:34 Nada Farhat: Sorry I have to leave, Goodnight

01:49:00 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.

01:49:38 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.

01:51:12 Dianne Blais: Voting Rights is currently the major issue of the LWV

01:52:49 Ellen Mass: Are we dropping Mayors for Peace and disarmament issue?

01:53:04 Joan Goddard: We need to recruit other members in addition to those who are attending tonight.

01:53:39 Cherrill Spencer: Myaor for peace was in 3rd place as a solidarity event for 2022.

01:53:54 Ashley Carrington: I'm interested in Mayors as well

01:53:55 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: Joan, let's start with those on the call and then reach out.

01:54:03 Cherrill Spencer: DISARM committee has been pursuing mayors for peace for years.

01:54:41 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.

01:55:00 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!

01:55:38 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.**

01:56:28 Joan Goddard: Is there really a reason for the two groups to meet separately?!

01:56:53 Joan Goddard: Maybe we will decide to do that soon.

01:56:57 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.

01:57:15 Elenita Muñiz, Cape Cod Branch: It's hard enough for WILPF to focus, so I lean toward starting with a single focus.

01:57:28 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...

01:58:29 Cherrill Spencer: One has to use the wilpf-branches listserv to tell members about solidarity events

01:58:31 Darien De Lu:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qFVbaENi8dnYfz6hdlp6txw9JmjEC1vAF3gagPE79A/edit>

01:59:37 Cherrill Spencer: but the branch liaisons are not that good on forwarding emails to their branch member

02:01:13 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...

02:01:57 Darien De Lu: Concise and informative!

02:04:21 Darien De Lu: Good to have someone to turn to for advice on contacting branches. I look forward to better branch communications.

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emily keel: There is great passion here!

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