

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter
Thursday, May 9, 2024
Present: Charles, Jack, Taigen, Kevin

Political Climate Discussion, and BFTB:

We have a wide-ranging discussion about the complexity of current events, how to use non-inflammatory words, and how to navigate (understandable) frustrations in a mindful way. We agree to endorse a Back from the Brink event, visit <<https://preventnuclearwar.org/>>.

CAPA Meetings:

Jack notes that CAPA organizational meetings are held all online (zoom), and that there are 3 main committees: Foreign Policy, Environmental, and Student Support. CAPA will soon discuss potential activities related to the DNC and RNC conventions.

August Hiroshima Event:

This year's Hiroshima Memorial Day (Tuesday August 6th) should ideally be a quiet and peaceful event, considering that it falls close to the DNC Convention. How should we plan and participate? A suggestion is made to do it again in Evanston. We could create a handout with basic (startling) facts: a list of the number of treaties that have expired, a list of nuclear powers today and what their arsenals are, etc.

Notes/To Do:

- The Republican national party convention is in Milwaukee, July 15-18, and the Democratic national party convention is in Chicago, August 19-22.
- Hozan Alan Senauke is mentally clear and gradually recovering from his medical condition <clearviewproject.org>.
- Santikaro of the Kevala Retreat Center (S. Wisconsin) has had a resurgence of Lymphoma, and is being treated. Send support to: <kevala@kevalaretreat.org>.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:

June 13, 2024 (2nd Thurs of the month): 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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