ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Present: Myoyu, Jack, Alex, Charles, Kevin

Facilitated by Jack, minutes by Kevin

Hiroshima Day Planning (Saturday August 6th):

We need to come up with a plan ASAP, it's already almost June. Hold the event in Hyde Park (Moore Sculpture), or downtown, or in Evanston? Some prefer Hyde Park, although we'd need to do a lot of publicity, because it's summer and a Saturday. Jack in contact with Sue Ellen (possible dance performance again?), David from CAPA; but will need to follow up with both. Charles will re-contact Yuki. Myoyu suggests poet Brynn Saito https://brynnsaito.com/, to read a short poem. Performance would be better than long speeches; and/or do walking meditation or sitting meditation? Alex suggests contacting the Rockefeller Chapel meditation people, too (Eric/ADZG connection).

BAC NYC, Other Collaboration:

Jack has been in contact with Chad from BAC and feels that they're very overextended right now (they successfully raised \$40K for a Ukrainian family, which will arrive soon). Jack will stay in touch. Myoyu suggests a faith-based network, Gamaliel, check it out at https://gamaliel.org/>.

Possible New Programs:

 Possible program about "civility in speech in an election year." Possible program about the new blooming of hate speech (and its normalization). Possible program "A Buddhist Response to Genocide."

Upcoming Events:

• https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june-18-2022/ Myoyu asks, will it be possible to have a Buddhist contingent (if enough Buddhist practitioners can go to it)?

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:

4th Thursday, June 23, 2022: 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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