

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter
Thursday, August 1st, 2024
Present: Jack, Charles, Taigen, Dean, Kevin

Peace Groups Report:

Jack gives us a report on the activities of various groups in the area. CAPA has been too busy to get the "Day After" documentary film screening together. See below regarding Hiroshima memorial. There is talk about applying pressure to restart UNRWA funding for Gaza. There's lots of activity around GOTV efforts for the presidential election. CAPA requested an essay on nuclear disarmament, but too short notice. Jack notes that the Massachusetts Peace Action group is very active, and with good webinars.

August 6th Hiroshima Memorial Day Activities:

Please see announcement already sent out to our list; there will only be the Hyde Park activity this year. Meet at the University of Chicago's Henry Moore sculpture at 5pm. Sponsored by NEIS and many other groups.

Possible Leafletting at the Chicago Air and Water Show:

See announcement already sent out. August 10th and 11th, 9-3pm; contact CAPA.

Democratic National Committee Convention:

Will be held August 19-22 at the United Center and McCormick Place. Rob Lyons of Engaged Buddhist Election Retreats <<https://www.electionretreat.org/>> will be available to meet with anyone interested in exploring a bodhisattva response within our electoral process. Rob practices with a group of engaged buddhists (mostly) from Berkeley Zen Center. You can follow his experiences at <<https://www.electionretreat.org/blog/>>. Rob will return to Chicago for the DNC and offer a dharma talk on Engaged Buddhism at the Sunday Morning Community Program, August 18th at ADZG.

Notes/To Do:

- Kevin sending out publicity as soon as it becomes available.
- Jack to continue communication with CAPA contacts.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:

September 12, 2024 (2nd Thurs of the month): 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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