

**Socialist Party of Northern New Jersey
General Membership Meeting**

March 13, 2006
Veggie Heaven, Teaneck

Attending: Ronn O., Colleen O., Andrea P., Greg P. and Trevor P.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Greg P, who chaired.

Recent Food/Clothing Distribution Days/ Events

The group discussed the Feb. 25th and March 4th food/clothing distribution days in Jersey City.

On February 25th, Greg, Andrea & Trevor attended and distributed coats and blankets after the Jersey City Peace Movement vigil and Food Not Bombs Sharing.

On March 4th, Ron O., Dave. W., Greg, Andrea and Trevor P. joined supporters to distribute jackets and food for International Women's Day.

Motion: To hold the next food/clothing distribution day on March 25th in Journal Sq. starting at 12 noon and to possibly distribute include health/AIDS information with the food/clothing.

Motion passed unanimously.

Greg also gave a short report back from the National Conference on Organized Resistance (3/10-11 in DC).

Legal

Greg reported on the ACLU lawsuit and will report any progress when/if he can. Currently the ACLU has taken on the lawsuit and has filed FOIA requests with various state/federal agencies which might be monitoring anti-war & anti-recruitment work by the SPNJ and other groups in the state.

Fair Food

All SPNJ members are invited/encouraged to attend the April 13th & 14th Fair Food actions in Chicago. Fair Food NYC is organizing buses to Chicago and the SP will organize a meeting and contingent at the event.

Upcoming Actions

March 17th- The SPUSA will organize a contingent at the March on the Pentagon in Washington DC. The SP contingent will meet on Constitution and 22nd between 11:30 and 12 Noon. Members attending should call Greg at 201-803-7574.

March 18th- The Northern NJ Local will join the Bergen County Peace & Justice Coalition at the Teaneck Armory at 11:30 pm for a press conference/vigil and then will carpool to NYC for the United for Peace & Justice at 1:00 pm. The SPUSA contingent will gather at 38th St. between 5th & 6th Aves starting around 1:00 pm.

The National Office will host a post-march reception at 339 Lafayette St. (buzzer #11) starting at 5:00 pm

March 21st: Join the Northern New Jersey Local at a rally sponsored by military families and veterans, area religious and civic groups, senior citizens groups, military families, and community residents. Time/Location: 4:30 - 6:00 pm at the Teaneck Armory 1799 Teaneck Rd. The Local will be collecting canned good for the Assistance Center at the armory.

March 24th- The Northern NJ Local will take part in the follow-up Peoples Peace Conference meeting and rally which will be held at 12 noon at Essex County College 303 University Ave. (& West Market St.) Newark, NJ. For info. on attending as part of the SPNJ contingent contact Greg at 201-803-7574 or info@njsocialistparty.org.

March 25th: Journal Sq. food/ clothing distribution day (see above). North Jersey members are also invited to attend the NYC Local's screening of *Engendering Colonialism* that will be held at 339 Lafayette St. (buzzer #11) starting at 3 pm. Members are encouraged to attend after the Journal Sq. food/clothing distribution day.

Movie Night

Greg invited everyone to join him and Andrea at the Cedar Lane Cinema on Tuesday March 20th to see "Pan's Labyrinth". He'll announce the time on the e-mail list on Friday March 16th.

National Convention

The Party's National Convention will be October 19-21st in St. Louis Missouri. The SPNJ will be allotted delegates based on our membership on June 1, 2007. T the State Executive Committee will be organizing a state-wide meeting to elect delegates in Newark this summer. More info. will be available soon.

Book Discussion

Coleen O. suggested the following books for an upcoming Northern NJ book discussion group:
100 Ways America is Screwing up the World by Howard Zinn
The Tortilla Curtain by TC Boyle

The Local agreed to ask the NYC Local if they would like to co-sponsor a reading group, otherwise the North Jersey Local should organize one at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
Minutes by Greg Pason