

War Resisters Support Campaign Meeting - June 08th 2010 - First United Church

Present: Sarah, Mike, Bradley, Paul J, Rodney, Alex, Paul B, Aella, Larry, Bill

Updates:

Reed family – no changes or updates to report.

Rodney updated everyone on his situation. No major changes in his situation. He and Natasha are working on the Spousal Sponsorship application.

Fundraising & Finances:

Finances are low. Donation received from Euphonious Feminists' fundraising dinner (\$515.00) and from Veterans For Peace Seattle (\$200.00)

Mike volunteered to pursue his appeal letter to US donors.

Bill C-440:

Second reading debate occurred on May 25. Parliament will vote on it in the fall session. The postcard campaign will continue through the summer. Bradley has a supply of the postcards.

Upcoming events:

There will be an educational forum/fundraiser in the fall, probably September, about the issue of Sanctuary and the War Resisters. It was agreed that the July meeting would be dedicated to organizing and planning this event.

Mike has a contact at the CBC and suggested that the CBC Radio program 'Tapestry' may be interested in the Sanctuary story.

Veterans for Peace in Seattle would like to work with us to organize an event in the fall with the goal of education and fundraising. It would take place in Seattle with some activists travelling there and hopefully War Resisters beamed in by Skype.

It was agreed that for the summer we should look for every opportunity of getting out into the community and recruiting more volunteers and educating the public. Help is needed from people to check for community events and other opportunities for outreach. Please check your local city websites, local newspapers and other sources and let us know where we might set up a small table, hand out leaflets and postcards and talk to people about the War Resisters.

We will participate in the Folk Festival (July 16-18) and Pride (August 01) with StopWar. We will have our own table at Under the Volcano (August 08).

Meeting adjourned, next meeting is July 13th, 2010 and will focus on planning and organizing a Sanctuary forum in the fall.