**Peace and Common Security Working Group Monthly Meeting**

**Sunday, April 9, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Tony Palomba is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**1) Warm Up –5 minutes** - One thing in the news that made you anger & one thing that made you happy!

**2) Update from WC – 3 minutes - Tony**

4/12 – Steering Committee to discuss an Annual meeting on June 4 or June 11

4/30 – Steering Committee to discuss recommendation from subcommittee on organization and future.

4/29 – Massage for Syria and Pakistan

4/15 – Tax Day Protest from 12 -1 Downtown Crossing – MAPA

**3) You will see below in the program proposals two items – 2 Minutes - Tony**

a) Effort to link working groups

b) Possible use of our Sunday meetings for program

c) April 29 Massage for Syria and Turkey at First Parish

**4) Ukraine - 20 minutes - Jeanne**

a)Postcard effort by MAPA

b) Vienna Conference in June

c) Two interesting webinars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZABbrn7No0> – **What will it take to get a Russian-Ukraine Ceasefire?** – German, Belgium and US speakers

**What Should Do About the War in Ukraine?** – with Benjamin and Fletcher

Shown yesterday on Saturday, we need to get the video/YouTube.

**PROPOSAL** – Show one or the other with possible speakers or just general discussion in MAY –either **WCPJE monthly meeting – May 17** or **our monthly meeting May 14 – might be too busy, maybe May 7**

**5) Palestine/Israel – 20 minutes - Susan**

Report from Susan and others who were able to view the movie.

**PROPOSAL** – In person showing at the Library in October

Hybrid showing at the Church of the Good Sheppard on a Sunday opposite the Sunday meetings of the WFCC. Possible speakers to guide a discussion.

**4) Militarism and Climate Change – 10 Minutes - Tony**

PROPOSAL - Zoom program with Veterans for Peace and Watertown Faces Climate Change.

Contact- Gary Butterfield, VfP Coordinator of this national effort 858-245-7700. They have 80 slides and the program can be created to meet the needs of the group.

WFCC had initial discussion but no decision. Will be discuss at next meeting.

**PROPOSAL** – Zoom program on the Sunday, May 28 at 7:00 PM.

**5) Back from The Brink – 20 Minutes – Tony**

Made contact with **Jeremy** **Love, National Organize**r for Back from the Brink about a petition and possible program. No petition so I drafted one, attached, and will share with him. He suggested,

 Denise Duffield (BftB & PSR-LA) as I was suggesting a woman.

He also connected me with the Boston-Hub of BftB,  Anna Linakis, ED of Physicians for Social Responsibility – Boston who would be willing to co-sponsor an event.

a) Jeremy suggested a meeting with Clark because they want to move faster to get co-sponsor. We could see if we could get a meeting on Wednesday, April 19 which is the BftB’s National Call-In Day

<https://preventnuclearwar.org/hres77-callinday-2023/>

b) Get petition approved and do a couple of weekends of signature gathering at the post office , library, etc.

c) Keep Calling Markey to be introduce the resolution in the Senate – 617-565-8519 Diana did this

**PROPOSAL** – Program with Denise Duffield in September, again on our monthly meeting or WC monthly meeting co-sponsored with Boston Hub and MAPA’ Nuclear Disarmament Working Group. Keep getting signatures until that date.

**6) Military Budget and the Militarization of our Police Force – 10 Minutes – Tony**

I contacted the Democratic Progressive Caucus Center (not affiliated with the Democratic Progressive Caucus) about a study they recently completed “The Bloated Pentagon Budget and the Militarization of Law Enforcement”, My contact was Mariam Malik, Foreign Policy Associate - c 502-802-3025. My thought was a co-sponsored zoom program with WCBL. I had a good email exchange with her and we were supposed to set up at zoom but nothing so far. However this may be best since after I reached out to the working group Deborah reminded me that they might be working with the police and such a program, even focused on the larger issue and bringing MAPA’s social justice working group, might hinder their efforts to play a positive role in the hiring of the new police chief. So we should back off for now.

**6) Review of Decisions and Assigned Tasks – 10 Minutes**

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