

MA-DSA, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sept. 24, 2011

19 in attendance.

During introductions Daniel described his participation in civil disobedience (crossing the police line) at the Jackson prison vigil for Troy Davis, which ended in arrest. Court date is Nov. 17 at 9 am, Butts County. More info to come.

Roger announced the JwJ Verizon worker solidarity demo this Thursday Sept. 29. Next JwJ meeting will be Oct. 3, 6 pm at the IBEW building. JwJ will also hold a press conference Friday morning Oct. 7 on the unemployment situation (when the new statistics are announced).

Brian Spears, civil rights attorney, spoke on the recent legislation targeting undocumented immigrants in Alabama and Georgia.

Barbara J reported on the National Political Committee's September meeting and the highlights of the draft national political committee priorities resolution, which will be submitted to the convention for amendment or approval and has been distributed for reviews. She will send to anyone interested who hasn't received it. Everyone should go to the national DSA web page and sign up for News from DSA bulletins. Lots going on!

Kempton reported on the nominating committee's recommendations of delegates and officers.

- The current officers were re-elected by unanimous vote.
- The delegates were selected by unanimous vote: Minnie, Barbara J, Bob W, Milt, Jorge. (NOTE: We since approved an alternate, Issiah Haynes.)

Kempton's committee also recommended a strategic planning committee consisting of the following volunteers: Jeff, Norm, Daniel, Minnie, Bob W, Kempton

The proposed October retreat will be rescheduled until the spring due to our busy upcoming schedule. It will be held at the Open Door's facility in Ellijay.

The next Socialist Education Circle meeting will continue the discussion of selected chapters from Terry Eagleton's "Why Marx was Right." October date to be announced.

We will have a holiday party, date TBA.

Everyone should attend the Amigo film at the Landmark theater in Midtown this Monday at 6:30, sponsored by Ga Peace and Justice Coalition and CCDS. Great director, important theme of US takeover of the Phillipines.

Daniel urged us to attend GPJC's week of events protesting the continued war in Afghanistan. He also reported that a fund is being organized to support people who

engage in civil disobedience. Roger thanked the local for contributing to the legal costs of the Emory students who were arrested for their sit-in in support of Sodexo workers.

Adam reported on a new publication, "Atlanta Overlook," by street people with an article by him in the current issue.

Jorge and Milt urged us to continue to support WRFG, which airs several programs hosted by or featuring DSA members.