

MA-DSA STEERING COMMITTEE – Sept. 24 – MINUTES

Present: Milt, Bob W, Adam, Barbaras S, L, J, Kempton, Bob W, Jim, Jorge

Marcia was out of town and Norm in eye surgery.

- 1) Report from NPC (postponed till general meeting)
- 2) DD Dinner – Took in around \$3,000 from patrons. Seed money even a bit better than usual.
Invitations are going out this week. Tickets were done by donated labor.
Program –
 - Rev. McDonald will do the invocation.
 - Maria Svart will speak as well as Conyers. Conyers accepted our invitation at the last minute (see fund raiser, below).
 - Intros – Jorge and Conyer's staff person can ask John Lewis or Hank Johnson to intro Conyers, after invitations go out. Barbara J will intro Maria. Awards: GLAHR - Fort, Ann - Nan, Ben - pres. Teamsters local.
 - We will need to pay for a Conyers staff person (maybe the one who happens to be a DSA member) as well as Conyers.
 - T-shirts will be sold.
 - Booklet – BJ, BS and Jorge will work on bios. Past honorees will be depicted again. Action shot collage for the cover. Short histories of Haymarket and Triangle fire. JwJ featured on the back. Ads.
- 3) Treasurer's report submitted by Marcia shows over \$5,000 balance. More info re T-shirts needs to be added.
- 4) Fund raiser for Conyers –
 - Conyers' district has been redrawn and he has serious primary competition for the first time.
 - Conyers and staff will also be doing their own fundraiser for wealthy people before our dinner, Friday or Sat aft, without our help.
 - Our fund raiser will be noon at John Sweet's house.
 - We will need to coordinate food with Midge Sweet.
 - Veronika Jackson agreed to perform a few folk/blues songs if schedule permits. BJ suggested Atlanta Sediton Orchestra, but only outside if good weather.
 - We will need to promote. May not need a mailing, just emails and calendars and personal contacts and announce at the dinner. BJ said to reach out to the Health Care Now and NAACP etc. Milt stressed contacting especially people who know people who would contribute, like Henry, Vincent F, Nan O, Charlie F, Jess C. (We raised \$5,000 for Sanders, using his list.)
- 5) Education program – October at Norm's

- 6) Retreat Oct. 29? Not best time, due to the events the following weekend. Proposal to postpone to spring passed by consensus.
- 7) Next officers' meeting October 23. (Milt away Oct 10-22.)