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Tulsa Peace Fellowship, Monthly Newsletter October 17th 2012

Last business meeting was held Sunday, October 14th 2012 @ the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration, 1314 N. Greenwood Ave., in 5:30 pm – 7pm

Upcoming events, in Tulsa or Oklahoma City, or out of state

event notice online: see right-hand column on our webpage:

<http://tulsapeace.wordpress.com/>

Ongoing: from Sept 17th 2012 to Dec.4th 2012, Monday evenings, from 7pm to 9pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

“Exploring Non-violent Living” a multi-week course for peace activists

Where: UU Church of the Restoration, 1314 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa

When: starting Sept 17th, and for 12 weeks following, always on Monday evenings, same time

--sponsored by TPF, with co-facilitators S. Singh and her daughter Neera

film screening “Sleep Dealers” (sci-fi anti-drone film)

Sept ~~date to be determined~~ – (pushed back from August)

N.B. Not the usual place: event will be held at Martin Regional Library, East Tulsa. For the sake of outreach to Hispanic community

when: 6pm to 8pm (not on a ~~Monday~~, course already scheduled on Mondays – see above) Event to be sponsored by: TPF Steering Committee

Saturday, November 3rd 2012 “Ground the Drones V.” Peace vigil in Tulsa

(always on first Saturday of the month). A few new signs/placards will be available

“When drones fly, children die”

“Stop the random killing by drone”

“Ban unmanned aerial assault vehicles”, or

“Ban remote-controlled killing.”

“Drone warfare makes Obama a war criminal”, etc

Where & when: Corner 41st & Yale, from **12 noon to 2pm, always on the first Sat.**

Sponsored by: TPF Steering Committee

Weekend of November 8-11, in Tulsa. Special guest from Houston.

Nick Cooper is a lifelong activist, musician, lecturer, film maker. He has a wealth of knowledge about successful nonviolent resistance movements such as the Zapatistas and others. He is well researched, well informed and coming to Tulsa to share his enthusiasm about the paradigm shift from co-optation to real freedom. The workshop includes theater exercises, readings and discussions. Connections are explored between the 2,500 year old Chinese text, the Tao Te Ching, and the modern writings of the Zapatistas. Participants compare their own experiences with historical examples of co-optation and institutionalization. After considering various non-hierarchical currents in history, including the Greek cynics, early Christianity, Quakers, Gandhi, Emma Goldman, and the Spanish civil war, the workshop concludes with a sociological exploration of Nazis, modern far right groups, and the military / industrial complex.

Workshop time slot; It can range from 4-8 hours in length.

Dates and Places: **To be confirmed** (likely one event at Phoenix House, 308 Phoenix Ave, in Crosby Heights, Tulsa)

If you would like more information about Nick, please go and check out his website at www.nickcooper.com.

Hosted by: Margaret Leighty, TPF grassroots member. If you are interested or know in booking Nick in your group, church, school, etc...please contact me and we can discuss the options.

Sunday, November 11th 2012. Peace Festival in OKC. Annual event.

Where: OKC Civic Center Hall of Mirrors.

When: from 11am to 5pm

Description: Tables and sales by 60 justice and peace groups, fair trade and home-made vendors, Holiday Shopping for social justice. More information at <PeaceHouse-OK.org> under OUTREACH.

Sponsored by: Peace House in Oklahoma City

Sunday, November 11th 2012 [new day and time] TPF monthly meeting.

Where: usual place, UU Church of the Restoration, 1314 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa (just north of OSU-Tulsa campus), corner of Oklahoma St.

When: **from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Doors open at 5:15pm (after the Quaker meeting is over), meeting starts at 5:30pm. Grassroots members, TPF Advisors, and newcomers are all welcome! Sponsored by: TPF Steering Committee

Who we are: <http://tulsapeacefellowship.ning.com/forum/categories/who-we-are-the-tpf-steering/listForCategory>

Nov 26th – Dec 2nd, NO DRONES Peace Encampment, in Nevada

sponsored by: CodePINK Womyn: "Take 5 days of ACTION against the DRONES! Join Cindy Sheehan, CodePINK, Alameda Peace Network, WILPF, PDA, WCW, and many others at Creech AFB, Indian Springs Nevada! Protest outside the base, along a well-traveled highway, and in Las Vegas; increase public awareness; GROUND the DRONES; BE THERE for one day, some of the days, or all days."

Further information: <http://www.nodrones.com/>

for the full calendar of TPF events, go to our **Google Calendar online:**

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tpf.918%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Summary of TPF's Last Business Meeting (TPF Roundtable Discussion)

A. There was a *last minute* change of theme for this month's "first Saturday of the month" antiwar demo, in Tulsa, held Oct 6th. The change of theme was okay'd via email on TPFSteeringCom@yahoogroups.com, our listserv for the Steering Committee (the Board). TPF responded to a **call-to-action** from United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) to make "US Out of Afghanistan" the theme for the weekend of Oct 5-7, in keeping with efforts in 20 other cities. The [event notice](#) for TPF vigil was posted to TPF facebook discussion group, emailed to Ning subscribers, Yahooogroup subscribers, and Twitter subscribers.

For the next demonstration, TPF returns to the theme "**Ground the Drones**" and the demonstration will be held on Nov 3rd (see upcoming events listing, above)

Volunteers are needed for the phone tree, to remind members and motivate them to attend, prior to the demonstration. Send your phone number to the Steering Committee, if you'd like your phone number added to receive a reminder and/or you are willing to be responsible for calling two grassroots members prior to the peace vigil: tpf.918@gmail.com

B. Ongoing course (September to December, 2012):

- ⌘ The event was cross-posted to the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FoRusa.org) national website. The event notice, including the short bios of the co-facilitators for the course, appears here: <http://forusa.org/events/2012/09/17/12-week-course-nonviolent-strategies-sponsored-tulsa-peace-fellowship>

Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living.

TPF is currently providign "**A 12-step program exploring non-violent strategies.**" The course started Monday 17th Sept 2012, and runs for 12 weeks, with classes held at the UU Church of the Restoration, 1314 N. Greenwood Ave., Tulsa, 74106.

"A 3-month commitment towards personal transformation."

The course is co-facilitated by a mother-daughter team, namely Susan Singh and her daughter Neera Singh.

C. Outreach: **Volunteers needed** to table on behalf of TPF at the **annual PeaceFest in Oklahoma City**. Two or three people needed. At this point, for lack of volunteers, TPF has not paid to register with the PeaceFest this year. If you and others you know want to go to OKC to represent TPF, please let the TPF Steering Committee know, by contracting by email: tpf.918@gmail.com

D. Outreach to Hispanic community in East Tulsa: **planned film screening** event, to be held at Martin Regional Library, sometime in November: tentative plans to screen "Sleep Dealers" in Spanish with English subtitles (**date and time TBA – not on a Monday evening, given schedule conflict with above course**),

E. Outreach to the Black community in North Tulsa: Following a tradition maintained over the past few years, the TPF Steering Committee decided we will re-enter the **annual MLK parade**, a well-attended event in Tulsa, to be held in January 2013. Grassroots memers welcome to march with us! The TPF Treasurer will send the **registration fee, ASAP. This expense will wipe out our current funds account.** Please be sure to **plan on attending the parade**, in January, on MLK day.

F. Fundraising: Thank you to one of our boardmembers, who requested to remain anonymous, for the donation this month.

TPF has the capital funds required now, to go ahead and invest in IRS status. Otherwise, **TPF current account funds are depleted**, at this point.

F. Affiliation with "[Peace Action USA](#)": Nothing to report. Donations are needed to cover the annual membership fee to join.

G. Counter-Recruitment (in Eastern Oklahoma): Nothing to report

II. New Business / Open Discussion

A. file under Peace, Justice & the Environment (PJ&E)

(from TPF President, Mark Manley):

Dramatic footage of the Tree City blockade stopping pipeline construction.

[Tar Sands Blockade: Stop the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline](#)

www.youtube.com

[#nokxl @kxlblockade facebook.com/tarsandsblockade](http://tarsandsblockade.org)

[Mark Manley](#) : "Action going on in Texas now, more to come in nearby Coweta soon."

✧ Going on right now: Direct Action training camp, 12-14 Oct 2012

"We've seen that when ordinary people unite we have the power to stop Keystone XL. Recently we've delayed construction on this toxic pipeline for several days and counting- Lets keep our momentum going! Join our action camp just east of Dallas Friday, October 12th - Sunday 14th, where you'll meet other passionate blockade volunteers and receive hands-on trainings to empower you to take action. Arrive Thursday evening the 11th for registration. On October 15th, we there will be a large public event that anyone interested can attend. This will be in East Texas. We actively encourage people of all backgrounds and experience levels to join, and stick around as long as you can. Once you sign up we'll send all the important details in the coming weeks."

Want to go now? Contact: tsbcomms@riseup.net

(Respond to Mark's post on the [TPF discussion board](#) on facebook, posted 12th Oct)

B. file under: Community outreach

(from boardmember MacMahon) :

Anyone feel like getting a table for TPF at the I Am Yoga next year??

Art/Music Festival at Chandler Park. Thousands are expected to attend the I AM Yoga,

Art + Music Festival scheduled for Sept. 14-15 at Chandler Park, 6500 W. 21 St., Tulsa.

"Yoga is a holistic experience," said festival co-creator and yoga instructor Melissa Joy. "It's not just a body experience. It's not just a workout. It's not just a mind experience, but it's for your spirit as well. It incorporates the whole person. There's not much else that does that."

The I AM Festival is a unique, family-friendly, yoga, art, and music festival, with free outdoor yoga classes -- from beginner to power classes -- offered throughout the week-end and coordinated with ongoing live music from the event's main stage.

Also on the schedule are many interactive opportunities such as belly dancing classes, community art projects, dance classes, a drumming class, and various children's programs. Organizers say that people attending I AM will be "forward thinking individuals who have an open mind and are receptive to organic, local, sustainable products and services."

The event is sponsored by Synergy Holistic Health. Among the vendors will be Henna tattoo artists, massage therapists, jewelry artists, yoga wear sellers, various local businesses, and natural health practitioners.

(Respond to Jean's post on Ning: http://tulsapeacefellowship.ning.com/forum/topics/i-am-yoga-event?xg_source=activity)

C. Petition signed on behalf of the group:

The TPF Steering Committee signed the following petition, on behalf of the group:

Petitioning UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

"2 Million Friends call on the U.N. for a Ceasefire in Afghanistan"

We strongly urge the United Nations to broker a ceasefire in Afghanistan. We ask the United Nations to call on all the parties in conflict, including competing warlords and the Taliban, the Karzai government, regional players and NATO, to lay down their weapons.

Each day the violence continues means a continuing humanitarian disaster for the people of Afghanistan. It is time for the parties in conflict to seek non-military alternatives and work cooperatively to allocate the funds and resources necessary for a full reconstruction campaign in Afghanistan....

This petition will be delivered to: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

<https://www.change.org/petitions/2-million-friends-call-on-the-u-n-for-a-ceasefire-in-afghanistan>

D. TPF "bevy of doves" blogroll, located on the right column of one of our webpages, namely: <http://tulsapeace.wordpress.com/> The following websites were added this month:

- ^ [U.S. World Peace Council, since 1979](#) Linked here to the "Political Declaration of the Assembly of the World Peace Council, 2012," held in Kathmandu and hosted by the Nepal Peace and Solidarity Council
- ^ [Arms Control Policy Wonks](#) Leading blogs on Arms Control, Nuclear Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation of Nuke Weapons
- ^ [Cost of War to the United States – graphic provided by National Priorities Project](#) \$\$ figure updates multiple times per second

- ^ [United Nations Messengers of Peace](#) Famous actors, musicians, scientists help focus worldwide attention on world peace
- ^ [Peace and Collaborative Development Network](#) Leading global portal connecting over 26,500 individuals and organizations engaged in peacebuilding and collaborative development
- ^ [Oklahoma Peace Strategy – newspaper published 6 times per year](#) Distributed throughout Central Oklahoma. Subscriptions are free but contributions always welcome to defray cost of printing.
- ^ [Campaign for Peace and Democracy](#) promotes a new, progressive, and non-militaristic U.S. foreign policy
- ^ [Global Security Institute](#) Promoting security for all through the elimination of nuclear weapons
- ^ [No Drones Texas](#) drones are operated from five (5) bases in Texas — Brownsville, Camp Bowie, Camp Swift, Fort Bliss, and Fort Hood
- ^ [International Action Center \(IAC\)](#) Founded in 1992 by Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney-General
- ^ [October 7th Actions Nationwide, Marking the Endless Occupation of Afghanistan](#) UNAC, FOR, IAC, TPF and others, sponsor anti-war actions in over 20 cities on 11th anniversary of invasion & occupation of Afghanistan
- ^ [United National Antiwar Coalition](#) The left-right movement for peace, founded in Albany, New York, in 2010, in the wake of Obama's escalation of hostilities in Afghanistan

(If you have other suggestions for websites to add to our “bevy of doves” list, send to the TPF Steering Committee at tpf.918@gmail.com)

E. Join TPF on tweet networks, including **Diaspora.org** and **Twitter.com**

- ^ You can create your own profile on the open-source social network Diaspora.org, and friend TPF on this new network. Go to <https://diasp.org/> to sign up for this new free service, provided by the open-source community as an alternative to facebook.
- ^ You can also follow TPF “[@tulsapeace](#)” on twitter.com, if you have an account with them. Come join our first 25 followers on <http://twitter.com>

Peace Action is now following “[@tulsapeace](#)” on twitter.com
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 Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, abolishing Nuclear Weapons, Military Budget
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Followed by [No Drones Missouri](#) and 11 others.
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