

THE COALITION FOR TOLERANCE & JUSTICE  
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JUNE 16, 2008  
BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm Dinner at Barbara Mullin's house

Present: Peter Schott, Maria Kunkel, Amy Kaufman, and Barbara Mullin. Absent: Barbara Merriwether, Dick Kauffman, and RoseMary Hendrix.

Discussion started after pot luck dinner.

Vice President and secretary positions to be appointed and filled. Discussion and consensus that Dick and RoseMary be asked to fill these jobs if available. Chairs can be appointed from the general membership to start projects such as book discussions, DVD films or even monthly TCTJ presentations.

Suggestions for future monthly WRNB meetings topics: Amy's daughter age 16 attending an interfaith camp in California this summer and to bring home an action plan for the community.

Steve Gonzer—documentary about Holocaust survivors testimony from Delaware. Film or speaker on the Holocaust. (Peter to look into).

Barry Lynn Separation of Church and State video we purchased at our TCTJ event.

Religious Right—video or speaker

Women in Prison—Unitarian female minister who vacations in Bethany Beach and is involved in prison programs and actions. Also, Maria Kunkel who follows a Delaware male prisoner in a program. Delaware is #5 in the nation for incarcerated persons.

Amy—after meeting ended suggested herself as speaker in November. She will be spending two weeks in Turkey which includes an interfaith dialogue with Muslim Fatteluh Gulan.

Maria—To look into Tikkun and Interfaith group including Rabbi Michael Lerner and Sister Joan Chitticher (sp?)

Barbara—DVD film “Because the Bible Tells Me So” to be shown in home because of price required if public showing and advertising.

Soulforce—speaker. Organization headed by Rev. Mel White regarding Gay Rights. Peter to check out for costs and availability.

Baltimore—Black/Jewish Forum [www.BLEWS.org](http://www.BLEWS.org) possible speaker at WRNB meeting. 30 year old social justice organization—can they guide or suggest things?

Entertainment possibilities regarding cultural diversity—music, comedy?

PROJECTS:

TCTJ promoting a school art contest on tolerance/diversity. Amy agreed to chair this project and has already been in touch with Sharon Downs and RoseMary Hendrix who are also interested. This will proceed when school resumes and we will get reports in future TCTJ meetings as to progress.

School sexual harassment issue. Amy discussed this issue briefly in a local high school and reports that girls are afraid to report incidents. What to do? Barbara suggests list of many films for schools on subjects such as this she obtained at the Minneapolis Newsmedia Reform Conference last week. She will discuss with Wendi Dennis, Outreach Director of the Rehoboth Film Festival. Wendi is coming to our July meeting to discuss DVDs to outlying schools or libraries.

Discussion ensued about TCTJ new clients with complaints meeting first with TCTJ board instead of general meeting to protect privacy and not have their names listed in website minutes. Amy suggested that only two or three people from the board meet with those clients who wish to remain anonymous. Others disagreed. TCTJ board members respect the confidentiality of clients. Individual board members often develop close relationships with clients but any action is to be discussed by the entire board. The president is the spokesperson according to the bylaws.

Suggestion made by Peter that future TCTJ programs be made out of our comfort zone—outlying libraries or meeting halls or churches. Discussion followed about attendance, publicity or even fear or danger in some areas. Suggestion made to think of maybe Milton or Bethany Beach for a program or make connections with other groups in outlying areas to co-sponsor.

Richard Legatski offered to let us know about area Festivals dates and costs to possibly advertise our TCTJ brochures.

Barbara discussed with Amy at conclusion (others had left) about a 36 lecture DVD series she has purchased about Civil Liberties and the Bill of Rights to begin showing in homes with discussion following for the community. These are college/university lectures purchased from the Teaching Company.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Barbara Mullin, President