

MINUTES
February 10, 2004, Meeting of
Charlotte Coalition for a Moratorium Now

- I. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 7 p.m.
Offices of Ferguson, Stein, et al.
741 Kenilworth Ave., Ste. 300
Charlotte, NC

- II. Participants:

Ann Hester
Faith Koppers
Susan Crawley
Katie Hubicki
Yolanda Warren
Kevin Melody
Henderson Hill
Marilyn White
Jake Sussman
Faith Bushnaq
Gray Newman
Barney Offerman
Ellen Jaronczyk
Julie Fosbinder

- III. Good News
 - A. Gretchen Engel recently won a \$1000 award from the ACLU for her death penalty work and donated this award to CCMN.
 - B. Darryl Hunt was exonerated after spending almost 20 years in prison for a rape and murder he did not commit. He had been charged capitally but sentenced to life in prison.
 - C. The N.C. Supreme Court reversed 2 death sentences.
 - D. The Gell trial is underway in Windsor, NC, with Jim Cooney and Joe Cheshire V defending Gell.
 - E. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments re: whether juvenile offenders can be sentenced to death.

- IV. Recent/Upcoming Events
 - A. Jim Cooney presented in January and will do a presentation in Wilmington on

April 3.

- B. Faith Bushnaq to present on 2/18 at St. Stephen Methodist from 6:30 to 7:30 and on 2/21 at St. Matthew's Catholic from 6:30 to 8:30. She may also present at Friendship Baptist if that can be arranged.
- C. Julian Wright will be presenting at Davidson College on 2/22. John Rhodes, and possibly other legislators, will attend.
- D. Henderson Hill will present on 3/17 at St. Peter's Catholic from 7-8:30.
- E. Major education events are being planned for late March and April in Asheville, Moore County, Cleveland County, and Cabarrus County.

V. Strategic Planning

A. Postcard campaigns

1. By March 1, we want to have postcards to bring to all of the churches where we are doing presentations so that members can send postcards to their legislators.

B. Education Day at First Methodist Church on May 1

1. Susan Crawley spoke to us about 1st Methodist's plans to have a forum on restorative justice. They want to have Jim Cooney speak and want to publicize the event in the newspaper and in the Methodist district newsletter. They would like to get other churches involved.
2. Purpose of CCMN's involvement would be to have a last push to draw an ecumenical crowd to support the moratorium, recruit for May 18th lobby day and for lobbying in general.
3. Kevin Melody, Ellen Jaronczyk, Barney Offerman, Faith Bushnaq and Yolanda Warren will work with Susan on this project. Susan will go back to her church group to find out what involvement they would like from CCMN.
4. Group will look into whether Friendship Missionary Baptist (Yolanda) could be involved in this education event.

C. Katie Hubicki is updating the web site.

1. Web site is very out of date.

2. She wants to put minutes in Word format so that they can be downloaded.
3. Needs a jpeg file with new logo
4. Web site has an inactive email address for CCMN
5. Want to put in links to our brochures, postcards and press releases.
6. Front page of web site should have our mission statement, meeting dates and times, contact information, vigil announcements.
7. It would be good to have some updated photos of CCMN in action.

D. Literature

1. Julie Fosbinder has updated 2 pamphlets and will redo our brochure.
2. Jake Sussman has done a tri-fold pamphlet on the innocence cases. He will email it to Julie for printing.
3. Faith will do a postcard format that can be personalized for each church where we do an education forum.

E. Upcoming Execution: George Franklin Page Feb. 27

1. This defendant is mentally ill. One issue is that the State recently had its psychiatrist evaluate the defendant without informing defense counsel or permitting them to be present.
2. Clemency hearing is Feb. 19
3. Faith B. is coordinating vigil. It will be at 6:45 p.m. in Marshall Park next to the MLK, Jr. statue. Bring friends and flashlights!