

MINUTES
Charlotte Coalition for a Moratorium Now
April 13, 2004 Meeting

- I. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27th, 2003 at 7 pm
Law Offices of Ferguson, Stein, et al.
741 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 300
Charlotte, NC 28204
- II. Participants:
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| Katie Hubicki | Barney Offerman | Jake Sussman |
| Faith Bushnaq | Susan Crawley | Julie Fosbinder |
| Jeffrey Gidders | Ellen Jaronczyk | Samantha |
| Jean Anne Feiler | Cheryl Spainhour | Reichbach |
| Linda Newcomb | Yolanda L. Warner | David Dixon |
| Gray Newman | Beth Wells | Ted Frazer |
| Fred Nash | Faith Kupperts | |
- III. Good News
- A. Jeanne Anne Feiler and Ellen Jaronczyk received an unsolicited \$25 donation for CCMN from a friend of theirs.
- B. The NC Bar is bringing charges against the two prosecutors involved in Alan Gell's 1998 murder trial. David Hoke and Debra Graves are being charged with withholding evidence and making false statements to a judge. There will be a hearing on the issue within three months.
- C. After Jay Leach (new board member and Reverend at Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte) preached on the death penalty on Sunday, he ran out of post cards to hand out.
- IV. Recent/Upcoming Events
- A. Monday, April 26th, 7pm: Julian Wright will speak at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Shelby, NC.
- B. Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm: "Wrongful Convictions: Causes and Solutions": forum sponsored by *Asheville Citizen-Times* et al. featuring Darryl Hunt, Alan Gell, Joe Neff, Rich Rosen, Justice Robert Orr, Ron Moore and others in Ferguson Auditorium (in the Laurel Building) at AB Tech
- C. Saturday, May 1st, 9:00am – 12:30pm: Education Day at First UMC
- D. Monday, May 10th: Legislative term begins
- E. Tuesday, May 18th: Lobby Day in Raleigh
- F. Friday, May 21st, 2am: Sammy Crystal Perkins is scheduled to be executed

V. Strategic Planning and Ongoing Initiatives

A. Postcard Drive: The drive will be specifically be targeting Jim Gulley, Connie Wilson and Rhodes in Charlotte (all not committed) and Blackwood and Barbee in Union County. The postcards are being used to go after those legislators who are not supporting the moratorium initiative in Mecklenburg and Union County. In addition, they will be used to demonstrate the support of their constituency for the moratorium and to allow CCMN to set-up meetings with legislators (both committed and not). CCMN will leave with the legislators lists of their constituents who signed the postcards, so that they will be able to check on the list's veracity. The cards themselves will be kept and taken to Lobby Day.

1. The Data Entry Event will be held Saturday, April 17th, at Julie Fosbinder's office (located at 1515 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 218, enter from the back of the building). It will begin at 9am and hopefully be done by 1pm (depending on how many people come out to help).
2. Generic postcards were printed. They are being kept at Ferguson Stein, in case anyone would like to pick some up to distribute. If you have some that are filled out, please return them to Ted Frazer (2100 Wellwood Circle, 28212), Katie Hubicki (3610 Country Club Drive, 28205) or Ferguson Stein (741 Kenilworth Avenue Suite 300, 28204). If you would like to print out a few for yourself, there is a document on the website (on the Post Card Drive page) which will allow you to do so. <http://ccmn2.tripod.com>
3. Legislative Visits: The dates for the visits should fall somewhere between April 26th and May 10th. They need to start around that time in order to allow enough time for the postcards to be sorted and entered. Watch the website for more scheduled visits (on the Post Card Drive page). <http://ccmn2.tripod.com>

Gully: Ellen Jaronczyk
Wilson: Henderson Hill
Rhodes: Susan Crawley
McMahon: Jean Anne Feiler
Alexander: Barney Offerman

Earle: Samantha Reichbach
Black: Gray Newman
Cunningham: Vicky Reddy
Saunders: Reita Pendry
Carney: Faith Koppers

- i. Pete Cunningham will be at Ferguson Stein on Friday, April 23rd, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. He wants to meet with his constituents only—so if you're in his district (107th), please try to be there.

B. May 1st Education Day at First UMC: The address of First UMC is 501 North Tryon. There will be free parking in the Odell Parking Lot. The title of the forum is "Winning Convictions at Any Cost: Why We Need a Moratorium on the Death Penalty in North Carolina".

1. Susan Crawley is the main contact. If you have any reason to get in touch with her, her email is scrawley32650@aol.com and her phone number is 704-895-9965.

2. Speakers: The program is set.

- 9:30 – 9:35 am: Welcome by Dr. Ivan Pedan,
Senor Minister, First United Methodist Church
- 9:35 – 9:55 am: Rev. Andy Baxter, Mecklenburg Ministries
- 10:00 – 10:45 am Joe Cheshire, Lead Defense Attorney in Alan Gell
Trial
- 11:00 – 11:20 am: Daryl Hunt,
North Carolinian who served 18 years for a rape
and murder he did not commit
- 11:30 – 11:45 am: NC Legislative Perspective,
Rep. Pete Cunningham, District 107
- 11:50 – 12:30 pm: Panel Discussion with all the speakers

3. Publicity: Flyers are designed for the event. They should be posted at CCMN members' churches. Additionally, there will be a bulletin announcement which you can place in your bulletin. There was also talk of getting Darryl Hunt on Mike Collins' "Charlotte Talks" show.

- C. Letters to Pastors: The letter has been written by Julie Fosbinder, and will be sent out to approx. 100 churches by the end of this week. Barney Offerman is culling through David Dixon's 800+ list of churches to find ones which are appropriate. CCMN stationary and envelopes will be used.
- D. Lobby Day: The date is Tuesday, May 18th. We will be meeting at 6:15am at a location TBA. We are trying for 3 buses. If you would like to hand out flyers, they are on the website. For more details as time goes on, look on the website.
<http://ccmn2.tripod.com>

1. We need nine team leaders and we have eight so far:

Yolanda Warren
Cheryl Spainhour
Katie Hubicki
Faith Bushnaq

Julie Fosbinder
Samantha Reichbach
Jeanne Anne Feiler
Jake Sussman

VI. Closing: Silent Moment of Reflection