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Charlotte Coalition for a Moratorium Now
March 23, 2004 Meeting

- I. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2003 at 7 pm
Law Offices of Ferguson, Stein, et al.
741 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 300
Charlotte, NC

- II. Participants:

Kevin Melody
Fred Nash
Susan Crawley
Vicky Reddy
Henderson Hill
Barney Offerman
Ellen Jaronczyk
Jean Anne Feiler
Faith Koppers
Reita Pendry
Jack Sussman
Samantha Reichbach
Kathryn Hubicki
Ted Frazer

- III. Good News
 - A. On Friday, March 26th, there will be a meeting with local Republicans to discuss the best way to negotiate with Connie Wilson

 - B. There will be three major events about the moratorium in the region in the upcoming months (not done by CCMN). In Asheville, on Tuesday, April 27th, the *Asheville Citizen-Times* will be sponsoring an event featuring Joe Neff and Darryl Hunt. Two events will also be held on Saturday, March 27th, in Wilson and Wilmington.

- IV. Recent/Upcoming Events
 - A. Friday, April 9th: The Catholic Diocese is sponsoring an event on the death penalty at St. Peter Catholic (downtown).

 - B. Saturday, May 1st: Education Day at First UMC

 - C. Monday, May 10th: Legislative term begins.

 - D. Tuesday, May 18th: Lobby Day in Raleigh

V. Strategic Planning and Ongoing Initiatives

A. Postcard Drive: The drive will be specifically be targeting Jim Gulley, Connie Wilson and John Rhodes in Charlotte and Curtis Blackwood and Bobby Barbee in Union County, all of whom have not committed to supporting the moratorium. 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 churches which are being targeted are the following (their amount reached/their goal):

St. Peter's – 300/300 (helped by Henderson Hill's inspiring talk)

St. Andrew's – 25/25

St. Gabe's – 100/500 (still has another week)

St. Luke's – 400/1000 (still has another week)

Seigle – 0/200 (starts next week)

St. Stephen's – 0/300 (starts next week)

St. Matthew's – 0/3000 (starts next week)

First UMC – 0/150 (starts next week)

St. John Neumann – 30+/500 (still has another week)

Friends – 30/75 (still has another week)

2. Postcard Format: There was discussion as to the current format of the cards. The cards were done with the individual church's addresses, which was contrary to the group's decision to have all of them be generic postcards. The end cost of the postcard printing was presented: Kinko's was going to charge around \$630 for 7000 generic postcards, while the printers which actually did the cards charged \$612 for all of the postcards (non-generic), plus CCMN literature for all of the churches (leftovers can be used later). It was decided that generic cards are still needed, and the costs of doing them will be investigated.

3. Legislative Visits: There needs to be people in charge of organizing the legislative visits in Charlotte. The visits will be done between Easter and May 10th. The groups will congratulate/thank the legislators who are supporting the moratorium; therefore, they won't need very large numbers. Additionally, it was suggested that the meetings with the "yes" votes be conducted earlier, in order to energize them. For the legislators who need convincing, a larger group of constituents will be needed. The following people volunteered to visit the legislators:

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

4. Data Entry: Needs to be accomplished between March 19th and April 5th.

B. Lobby Day: The date is Tuesday, May 18th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for both a team to assist in planning Lobby Day and for people to sign up to attend. In addition to our group, this team will be responsible for reaching out to the surrounding counties. The team is composed of the following people:

Kevin Melody
Jake Sussman
Julie Fosbinder
Ellen Jaronczyk
Jean Anne Feiler
Samantha Reichbach
Katie Hubicki

C. May 1st Education Day at First UMC: 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.

1. Speakers: Updates from last week. 2 speakers are still needed. Darryl Hunt is on-board to speak to us and to the Islamic center. Andy Baxter will be giving a brief 10-minute introduction, placing the day within a religious context. Martha Alexander and Joe Neff have both said no. Cheshire is an unknown. Some more proposed speakers are Jim Cooney, Pete Cunningham (Barney Offerman) and Becky Carney (Jean Anne Feiler). FUMC still wants to have Sparrow moderate the panel—from both prepared questions and written questions from the audience. Speakers should be definite by Friday.

2. Publicity: Once speakers are nailed down, Katie Hubicki will design and have fliers printed. Information will be distributed to the following groups: Methodist conferences, churches who are involved in the post card drive, and CCMN members' churches via bulletin announcements—if you would like a pre-written statement from CCMN to submit to your church, contact Katie Hubicki (hubickik@rice.edu). Radio stations will also be contacted, in addition to the newspapers.

3. Booths: CCMN will have one with information on Lobby Day and the generic postcards. First UMC also wants to have a booth with information from a religious standpoint (suggested that People of Faith Against the Death Penalty be contacted regarding that request).

4. Setup/Food: Done by First UMC

VI. Closing: Silent Moment of Reflection