

Student Mobilization Committee
Working Committee meeting--June 6, 1967
Minutes

Chairman: Linda Dannenberg

Secretary: Kipp Dawson

Present: Ivanhoe Donaldson, Donna Calame, Matty Berkelhammer, Larry Bilick, Dave Axel, Linda Dannenberg, Maxine Orris, Alex Chernowitz, Doug Jenness, Alice Cheney, Henry Bucher, Ronald Johnson, Phyllis Kalb, Maureen Stoehr, Kipp Dawson

1. Minutes

Minutes will be taken at all working committee meetings and sent to members of the working and national steering committees.

2. Finance report--Kipp

We are currently \$1500-\$2000 in debt. The situation is serious now as the summer program cannot get underway until we pay our debts and accumulate some surplus. Projects currently underway: a fund appeal letter went out last week to a group of professors; we are preparing an appeal to businessmen who signed an antiwar ad in the New York TIMES, to the Angry Arts list, and to our key committees asking them to undertake fund raising activities and split the proceeds with us. Also, we will be making personal appeals to former large donors, have an ad in the Mobilizer, and possibly, have buttons.

3. National Steering Committee--Kipp

A letter has gone out to almost all chosen by the conference to serve on this body, taking a poll on preferences for the time and place of the first meeting. Responses are beginning to come in.

4. Student Mobilizer--Larry

The deadline for the first issue is Weds., June 8. Larry (reporting for Syd) read the list of articles being written for the first issue. There was discussion of ways to broaden the appeal of the Mobilizer. Suggestions included: having articles on the war itself, including letters or articles from GI's, discussion-provoking articles presenting different points of view on various subjects, articles on the black struggle, including the black caucus statement in the first issue, having a "did you know" box, soliciting material from different areas, and beginning discussion on how the movement should relate to the 1968 elections.

The High School Student Mobilization Committee will publish its own Mobilizer. Maxine suggested that the two Mobilizers combine for special issues periodically.

5. Staff report--Kipp

We now have the following full-time coordinators: Linda Dannenberg (not paid), Phyllis Kalb, Kipp Dawson, Larry Bilick, Patti Miller, Maxine Orris, Gwen Patton (not paid) and Alex Chernowitz (not paid). Additional staff includes Donna Calame, Syd Stapleton (New York StuMob coordinator), Leslie Cagan (volunteer), Marta Kellner, and Maureen Stoehr.

6. High school report--Maxine

Three projects are being undertaken now: organizing in summer schools, organizing caravans to visit summer camps, and the national high school Mobilizer. Money is badly needed.

7. Draft resistance--Dave Axel

Report from the subcommittee--proposals for summer work. The subcommittee generally agreed that StuMob should organize and publicize anti-draft activity. Concrete proposals:

- 1) One full-time staff person work as anti-draft coordinator;
- 2) Pilot anti-draft projects be set up in four cities which have little organization now;
- 3) We make clear to anti-draft organizations that we want to work with them;

4) There was a general feeling that a national anti-draft conference would be good, but that it shouldn't be the main focus of summer anti-draft work. We should support the Madison-called anti-draft conference. One goal of such a conference should be to set up a national legal defense resource center.

5) Field teams travel to campuses to organize draft resistance;

6) There be a full-page ad in the Mobilizer for anti-draft activity;

7) We put out anti-draft literature aimed at various sections of the community;

8) We undertake special fund raising for anti-draft activity.

After general discussion the following moderations of the proposals were generally agreed to: the anti-draft caravans be combined with the general antiwar caravans; the caravans and the ad in the Mobilizer be used as spurs for getting anti-draft organizers and polls to help decide where anti-draft projects should be set up; our literature include material put out by groups working with StuMob, including a pamphlet presenting the ideas of the various groups on anti-draft work. With these modifications there was general agreement expressed with the proposals, with the suggestion given to the subcommittee that it meet again and work out more concrete steps for implementation to be presented to the next working committee meeting.

Ivanhoe made two other suggestions: we write to everyone who will face the draft in the fall suggesting things they can do to fight induction; we organize large numbers of draft-age men to go to the United Nations to demand asylum.

It was announced that the Spring Mobilization Committee will have a draft resistance project in Flatbush (Brooklyn) under the direction of Bob Greenblatt this summer.

It was suggested that we organize a contingent of draft-eligible men for the October 21 demonstration to march under a "We Won't Go" banner and to undertake other activity in Washington.

7. Labor

The subcommittee hasn't met yet but will within the time before the next working committee meeting.

8. Civil Disobedience—Linda

The subcommittee hasn't met yet but ideas have been shared:

1) The Citizens Campaign against Napalm is sending us sample literature on napalm and anti-napalm demonstrations for us to use in planning;

2) Proposed national dates for actions at napalm plants: a weekday around July 4; August 6; a weekday in the beginning of September;

3) CNVA is considering repeating its pentagon sit-in project. Brad Lyttle is organizing it and wants broader support. Linda will work with him on it.

9. GI's

Subcommittee hasn't met yet but work has begun on rounding up information on current cases, and there will be an article in the Mobilizer.

10. Antiwar caravans

Maxine will convene this subcommittee before the next working committee meeting.

11. New York referendum

Larry reported on a meeting earlier in the evening in which the Parade Committee, with the new support of WSP and West Side CIPA, decided to go full speed ahead to get its antiwar referendum on the ballot in New York City. Petitions will be printed right away, and a press conference will be held some time this week. (Similar referenda are being put on the ballot--hopefully--in Seattle, San Francisco, and Cleveland.)

Motion: we endorse the Parade Committee referendum and send Linda as our spokesman to the press conference. Motion carried with all voting for except for 5 abstentions on the grounds that the wording of the referendum and another referendum being worked on by another group (PLP and some CIPA's) wasn't available. The staff will get the two wordings and make them available to those who haven't seen them yet before the press conference.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 7:30 PM at Syd Stapleton's, 516 E. 11th St., Apt. 3-A