

Chicago coalition Against War and Racism / M18 planning meeting  
February 21, 2010

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We reviewed the upcoming list of Sundays before March 18. Proposal: We have the space on February 28th at 3pm. Counterproposal: March 7th from 2pm to 5pm, with March 14th. Proposal for February 28th withdrawn. Vote for next meeting date is March 7th at 8th Day for is APPROVED.

3. Report back from committees: Direct Action, Near Term Events, Program, Outreach/Media

Direct Action: Meeting at 1pm on March 7th at Eighth Day. All are invited. Also: February 26th, Friday, Chicago Critical Mass will be gathering at Daley Plaza, 5:30pm; plans to influence the ride are underway. We'll share more details on the [chicagomassaction.org](http://chicagomassaction.org) website.

More: DA by ISM-Chicago and CodePink on March 18th is planned.

Near Term Events: Action M18 4pm at recruiting station on State is under consideration. Also: Discussion on DA at Archer/Pulaski recruiting station on M19 at 10AM. Then: Senn High school Naval Academy, 3pm on M19.

Regarding Senn: Check with the Save Senn coalition to discuss and collaborate before announcing an action. But, the Save Senn action is under discussion. Are educational materials being prepared for the counter-recruitment actions? None.

What to do? Leaflet, have signs, interact with people. Call for getting creative; offer feedback at the committee meeting. Discuss at the formal committee meeting at M19.

Question: What's the details of feedback for busses on M19? Could there be a conflict of scheduling? (The numbers could work out anyway.) We'll work out the logistics in committee.

Program: The committee met a week and a half ago Thursday. Tentative discussion: One suggestion was to have presentations focused on the slogans of the day, have a focused and firm stage manager, 3 min max. The ongoing peace groups would have a speaker, complete with flyers to distribute. Perhaps Fred? There should be speakers against the war, include Afghan veterans, Gaza, student concerns, CAMI, teacher on educational cuts, Latin America. Very preliminary, and

more feedback is encouraged. Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb 24, 7pm, Beef and Brandy – State and Monroe, downtown. Suggestion from the committee: Cynthia McKinney may be available on the 18th. We can contact Pat Hill to see if we can negotiate costs. She seemed to accept with a separate request. She said she had a commitment in Detroit, but is amenable to coming to Chicago.

We'll work together to make this happen ASAP. Audio is on CIMC and [radio4all.org](http://radio4all.org). Patrick Daley (the Mayor's son) is apparently going to war. (Give Mayor Daley three minutes?) Question on making an offer in the face of ongoing discussion. We're taking to the main group: Invite McKinney and offer more time, in light of her availability and draw. Our finances are quite good that make this more feasible. As to the Mayor, he's such a hypocrite. We released a mock press release in question calling for a dropped lawsuit. BLOCK on Mayor Daley (surprise!). Last year, McKinney was approached, but she had a schedule conflict and couldn't make it. For the Green Party, having a spokesperson for the Green Party would be appreciated. SECOND LIFETIME BLOCK on Daley. McKinney can be a draw and has a wide perspective that extends beyond Green politics. As to the matter of known politicians, we had an opposition; perhaps some of us should run for office (guffaws were heard in the meeting), but could it be a platform for the Greens. Program committee at March 18th; anyone who speaks should support the slogans and be sponsors. Neal: "We're all politicians. What kind of politicians are we for or against? We could use the electoral arena to promote awareness of issues. I support." Voting on terminating discussion and moving to a vote is called. APPROVED. Vote formally inviting McKinney as a keynote speaker. APPROVED: 31 for, 4 against, 3 abstain. (Continued discussion on various points, but the program committee will hammer out details; attend the program committee meetings if you want to help shape that.)

Diversity committee: We have a general committee at the Harold Washington on February 18th, with more flyering and outreach to other meetings. On Feb. 15, we organized a teach-in at the Biblioteca Popular, with free food and 37 attending, and speakers, along with a short poetry session. Today: We supported a meeting by CAMI with the Border Angels on immigration work at St. Pius' church. Next meeting: On February 28th, at the Harold Washington, 5th floor, 3pm to 5pm. Thanks to Biblioteca Popular for hosting the event in free.

Media: We currently have 75 endorsing organizations, almost as many as we had all of last year. (Applause!) The movement seems to be rejuvenated. We had the second or first largest action nationwide. Money status: we have received \$1,610, contributions from 37 groups, \$660 in pledges to come, another draw earned \$111. To date: \$1721.64. Labor Beat: \$250. Printing of flyers. Application feeds, \$35. Some printing: \$60. Sound and stage: \$1000. Budget \$200 for a day of printing of day-of flyers. All told of \$2,251.52; we are well ahead of last year. Eighth day reports that \$831 we had leftover from 2 years ago; we're in far better shape now. We still have other fees, but we may want to consider having a bus scholarship fund to help offset bus feeds. Tickets are sold for \$100 each. Things look good. Printouts are in the back outlining who's paid. Groups that have reserved publicity hits are listed; more groups should take dibs and can make a decision. We have union printer and print out English and Spanish flyers. We need to hit distribution

places this week. Use them. Joleen is arranging a series of distribution points.

Eighth Day has volunteered to be a distribution point, Monday 9am to 5pm, except for Wednesday mornings. North side distribution: 2206 W. Arthur, north of Devon, east of Western. Buzz Café in Oak Park, 4 blocks west of Austin. Joleen: Hyde Park, 53rd and Harper. Mitchell produced Polish translation masters. We also have Tagalog masters as well. The committee sent out a press release as to the Mayor Daley "conversion". Joleen and Mitchell will produce radio public service announcements, with community radio stations. Mitchell is volunteering to produce a video flyer. A Facebook event is up; sign up and spread the word. We are working to have an Arabic translation of the flyer, with more groups and new groups to sign up. This appears to be evidenced to be renaissance in the movement. Neal and Sheila are setting up a calendar of events where we can distribute flyers, and distributing El Station leaflets. We can show how to unite to increase our numbers. We can reach out to meetings that are already happening (e.g., The New New Deal yesterday), and to random passersby on the street, encouraging awareness and being active. If we can overcome hang-ups, we can do more outreach and draw more people. If you're hesitant to go alone, we can set up a distribution team. As to going to Washington, each of us should consider going. Tickets are available here; payment by cash, credit card, and check is available, as is financial aid.

Schools from the area will be sending teams of students to DC.

Joleen: Veterans helping Veterans show on Channel 21 CAN TV. Two more shows are lined up. More flyers of the Labor Beat marathon; there's a viewing party on Cary's Lounge on Devon. As to posters, they can post them only in local areas; flyers are much easier to distribute. This is addressed in the 2010 producing.

Note: None of the literature does address the ongoing antiwar activities before or after the Main Event; request for amending the flyers. The north side venue is open from 6am to 9pm. The website at [chicagomassaction.org](http://chicagomassaction.org) can include more links and calendar links. We can also copy the flyer and work with one-sided flyers to re-copy links and details for other events (see Patrick for details on this). We can also use the internet for distributed social networking outreach. The media committee should assemble a task force for handling this as an issue. Other concrete outreach committees (e.g., the blogosphere) can address this as well.

Counter point: Why not put one line with adding details to "more information or ongoing events"? I propose that; seconded. Security for addressing outreach?

Response: Never do it alone. The media committee can be consulted for outreach; the city may respond by fining, avoid CTA or City of Chicago property for.

Typo in the Spanish translation. Also: Facebook also has Causes and allows for collecting funds. In the next version of the flyers, can we include a ONLY POST IN LEGAL AREAS disclaimer and for "more information and events..." details. Proposal to include one more line for "For more information".

Cut off discussion: APPROVED. Proposal APPROVED.

Motion to adjourn: APPROVED.

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