WTB Monthly Minutes -- September 28, 2014, Jowonio

The meeting was called to order at 3:15PM by Joy Pople, who announced she was resigning as President of WTB and that Betty Lamb had agreed to serve as Interim President. Betty Lamb thanked Joy for her efforts, asked the WTB members, Advisory Board, and Counci l for their support, and expressed her hope that WTB will continue its mission of breaking down barriers that keep people apart in hatred and fear and facilitating peace across different cultures. An official motion to elect Betty Lamb Interim President was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Our Mission Statement and Safe Place Declaration were read by Sis Zucker and Barbara Fought .

Daryl Files introduced today's program themed "Getting to Know You." Daryl Files, Shirley Wells, and Danya Wellmon met over the summer to plan the initial meetings for this year, but want members to generate program ideas for later meetings. Daryl urged us to think about a new beginning for WTB--one that holds to our mission while thinking out of the box to find new directions. The first part of the program involved getting to know each other better. Tables of 6-7 women each chosen randomly met for about 20 minutes to share their interests using a list of general questions as a guide. After 20 minutes of lively conversation, we enjoyed a refreshment break.

The second portion of the program involved envisioning ideas for WTB. We were asked to self-select a topic of interest by sitting one of six tables. Each table had a facilitator and recorder. The topics were:

**Collaboration**: What other organizations would you like to collaborate with? Danya Wellmon, Daryl Files

**Faith Visits**: Faith Traditions you would like to visit with and learn about possibly with their women's group? Particia Pellenz, Betsy Wiggins

**Interfaith Conversations**: What will this dialogue look like and what topics would interest you? Ann Port, Penny Hart

**Schmai**: Where can we have conversation, friendship, and food? Gay Montague, Shirley Wells

**Arts:** Where would you like to visit or create together in the ARTS in our community? Sue Savion, Barb Bova

**Mentoring and Empowerment of Women**: Our community has many grass roots organizations already involved in mentoring women both young and mature. Do you want to start another or choose to reach out to those already engaged and collaborate with them? Saro Kuman, Carol Lipson

At the close of a 30 minute discussion, Daryl asked each table to select a time to meet together prior to the next WTB meeting October 26th. Danya encouraged us to reach out and include other women who might be interested in these issues. Each group shared one idea it hoped to move forward. Some ideas suggested were: topic of water in the different faith traditions, visiting other faiths during their high holy days, building friendships through schami, meeting about sex trafficking and/or the influence of religion in politics and its effect on women, presentation by a local artist who repurposes broken jewely and metals.

Danya Wellmon and Gaye Montague recently chaperoned a group of local teenagers from the Seeds of Peace to the United Nations: they shared some details of their trip which will be the subject of our November meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bova, Sunday Secretary