

Minutes: Public Information Committee Meeting
Ernie's, Market St., Roanoke ● Sat. Jan. 7, 2012 ● 9:00 am

(Amended)

Present: Michael Bentley, Chair; Frank Munley, Brent Riley, George Hunter, Tom Nasta

Prior meeting was Oct. 21, 2011

1. Call to order
2. Michael volunteered to take minutes
3. Discussion of the Jan. 6 Friends Council meeting report from Tony Russell of the Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice, who attended on our behalf. We were surprised that the FC would not take Mr Russell's comments and adjourned to "Executive Session", excluding him entirely, something which they had not previous done. At least during the public portion of the meeting our letter of December, 2011, to Brenda Gray and the FC was not addressed. Mr Russell is on the Board of the CCPJ, and they meet Jan. 8th. Mr Russell will ask them to support our complaint with the CPB.
4. It was decided that we should update the CPB re the lack of transparency of the FC and Mr Russell's experience on Friday. Our update will be addressed to CPB's Deputy General Counsel and the Radio Division: Greg Schnirring (gschnirring@cpb.org), Robert Winteringham (Winteringham@cpb.org), Bill Richardson (brichardson@cpb.org), and Ken Konz (KKonz@cpb.org).
5. George brought up the possibility of asking Cox Cable to carry stations that air progressive content, including Democracy Now! These channels include LinkTV, CurrentTV, and Free SpeechTV. George agreed to find out who we should speak to and when we might go to Cox and make the request.
6. There was a discussion of a petition, both online and hardcopy. Michael agreed to look in to a petition site and Brent agreed to put together a draft of the petition wording.
7. Next event – Michael agreed to call and ask about the next Artists' Open House, if one is to be held on Jan. 20
Time begin demo, Kingsbury Lane: 4:40 pm
8. Next Committee Meeting was not set.

Adjournment: 11:00 am.

Submitted by Michael Bentley, 1-8-12