

Beyond War Northwest Board Meeting

December 10, 2015 8 AM

Present: Jim Anderson, Ann Cole, Martin Jones, Anne O'Brien, Dave O'Brien

Meeting was called to order by Ann Cole.

Minutes of November meeting, attached, were approved as read per attachment.

Our meeting consisted of our beginning discussion of Rievera Sun's work:

What is the name of this movement?

Nonviolence, Social and Environmental Justice

Bringing Justice to capitalism

A new way to view the world—a hopeful way of starting over.

Rate groups. Rivera Sun's guide.

1. Academics—friendly neutral
2. Small business- passive allies—afraid of change—potential for more customers
3. Churches
4. LTD line - Transportation
5. Educational Institutions: If dumb down populace then they don't engage in creative thinking—keeps them under control.
6. Annie Leonard—president of Sierra Club
7. Rotarians—30-40% persuaded. Concerned about suicide rate of veterans.

FEAR leads to fight/flight—no more creative thought. Depends on levels of education.

Active Opponents that fund the status quo. Pillars of support. All support war:

Military, industrial complex

Profit interests

Trump

Cruz

Big Coal

Big Oil

NRA

APAC

Corporate America

Christian Zionists

Healthcare system

Rural

tea party

Sheldon Adelson

INDIVIDUAL or COLLECTIVE thinking—who is for the collective?
How to get smart people involved in politics and take a position?

What is our next project? How do we get people moving in the same direction?

Koch—recognize the direction they are going—they need our help. They are off track.

How to talk with people in different categories?

SWOT--- Hope—we see clearly what we need to work on. This process is a way to identify our larger work.

From notes by Ann Cole (AOB)