

MINUTES OF SASN MEETING , 6/8/85

Present: Terry (chair), Beverly, John, Nesbitt, Rosemarie, Sam, Victor, Miloanne, Cherryl (minutes)..

NEXT MEETINGS: Educational: Monday 24 June 7:30 pm -9:30
1718 Bryant, S.F. 621-0462 (Sam)

Trade unions in SA - history, current issues.

Business: Saturday 13 July, 10:30 am. ARC, Oakland.

- Agenda: 1) SASN longrange goals (continuation of discussion)
2) SASN/BAFSAM educational
3) Financial report
Dues due
4) Divestment reports - Oakland, UC.

*and a PARTY for
Rosemarie, July 13th -
see end.

1) SASN: LONGRANGE GOALS

Phil sent apologies - his ideas were relayed by Nesbitt.

Discussion centered around several main issues, as described below. It was agreed that more thought, discussion and input from those not present were needed before decisions could be made. Individuals who have not been active in recent months should be contacted too, to see if they want to continue.

The following offered to make the necessary phonecalls:

Beverly - Shali, Pat, Sandy

Sam - Phil, Karen

Cherryl - Nick, Gay

Terry - Gary, Julian

Terry & Nesbitt - to divide contacting the 'inactives' between them.

1. Should SASN be a primarily educational or activist group?
2. SASN should develop its internal "networking", to strengthen communication
3. We need to note the ebb/flow of political work around SA.
4. Importance of linking SA to global, local issues.

While some felt that SASN should decide if it is to have either a primarily educational or a primarily activist focus, the general consensus seemed to be that the two are not necessarily exclusive and that SASN should consider a more activist role.

Problems of SASN's smallness and the wide dispersal of members throughout the Bay Area were noted. So too were certain strengths - knowledge of SA, commitment, friendliness ... non-flakiness!

At the moment SA is 'in' but already press coverage is beginning to wind down and SA may soon be totally eclipsed by developments in Central America.

SASN could work more closely with the ARC on educational work and projects round SA, but should develop its own projects. A number of people stressed the importance of projects being manageable and realistic for SASN.

Noted that SASN's activities should not, and need not, compete with BAFSAM.

Suggestions for projects were:

- Consumer boycott(s), to back up divestment pressures. We should also aim for consistency in individual and political lives around products of companies that are invested in SA.
- Material aid/ canvassing in neighborhoods to raise funds. Noted that canvassing has a valuable educational component too. Questions were raised about what sort of aid, how it could be channelled and who the recipients would be. Latter point raises major political questions that would have to be settled first.
- SASN/BAFSAM educational forum : this is already on the agenda and needs work.
- Internal education - should continue.
- Support for/ work with ARC, - no concrete proposals.
- Support national liberation struggle in SA - material aid fits in with this.

Discussion will continue at the next business meeting.

2) FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies were circulated. Income totals \$628.82, expenses of \$44.88, leaving a balance of \$583.94.

Dues outstanding: fully \$245. Agreed that paying of dues should be an agenda item at each business meeting. Beverly will send out reminder postcards to those who are behind.

Mailing list requires updating: this will be possible after the 'inactives' have been contacted by Terry and Nesbitt.

Beverly reported no results from letter to Julian. Agreed to drop matter.

Beverly to pay ARC \$90 for SASN's use of its space Jan-June, and \$15 p.m. in the future.

ARC fundraiser: Rosemarie reported a success - \$500 in hand after expenses, with about \$200 still to come in from ticket sales.

3) OAKLAND DIVESTMENT

Oakland City Council will consider the stronger BAFSAM ordinance on 6/25. Appears a genuine interest in working with it on part of city officials, and prospects for Oakland adopting 1 of the strongest ordinances in the country are good. SASN can take some credit for initial work a year ago.

Developments at the port of Oakland hinge on city developments first.

4) SASN/BAFSAM FORUM

^{planning}
Next meeting: 18 June. Nothing of substance was decided at last meeting so discussion held over till next SASN business meeting.

5) PARTY FOR ROSEMARIE

Rosemarie is leaving soon ... farewell party on the 13th July. Mark your diaries - Sam will organize and details will be forthcoming ...