

Revolution Vashon/Vashon Progressive Alliance

Notes from meeting 9/19—meeting began at 6:30 with introductions and a review of the agenda.

PRESENT: Diane Emerson (facilitator), Frances O'Reilly (minutes), Sheila Brown (hostess), Christopher Van Puttin, Steve Rubicz, Kevin Jones, Jo Ann Herbert, Suzanne Greenberg, Noah Roselander, Judy White

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SURJ: meetings to address white privilege issues and address solutions: 10/24, 4-6pm speakers will be previously incarcerated people; Thurs 3:30 hand in petition signatures at the PSE Vashon building: no LNG, no carbon-based electricity increase; 10/1 Olympia rally and open mic discussion on impeachment; 10/24 fundraiser for Manka Dhingra at Vashon Co-Housing, our chance to make the Washington state legislature controlled by Democrats.

ACTION ITEMS FROM AUG MEETING MINUTES: question as to whether we should ask other groups to join us and if so, how. **Kevin Jones will call the two people on the list and the two emails to make connections between the groups.**

RESISTANCE DASHBOARD: one can use it to find areas of interest and resources related to the same, activities, and a contact person. There was a question as to whether we should remove areas/issues not having any action or person responding /reporting. It was proposed to eliminate issues with no active group; all agreed; **Noah will update the web site.**

MISSION STATEMENT: no final statement available; will be held until October meeting. **Diane will organize a meeting.**

VOTER REGISTRATION: To celebrate those turning 18, a party will be held the end of each month with cake and voter registration. **Sheila will contact Roxanne**; the Backbone will partner with us, providing forms and online opportunities; we will give out resource guides.

DEFINITION OF PROGRESSIVE: discussion of definition as per draft guidelines. It was suggested to add animals to list of creatures not to be exploited. The concepts contained in the values statements will be rearranged and categorized into three groups: planet(environment, climate change, animals, nature, energy) , governance(foreign policy, government protections, openness, equal rights, criminal justice), and equal opportunity(health, the economy, education, early childhood). The Progressive Values and Policy Guidelines were approved, with changes. **Diane will update the document and send to George Lakoff, and post on the website.**

HEALING THE DIVIDE: we would like to facilitate a series of living room conversations between Bernie and Hillary supporters. We need to bring together leaders of both groups; some feel hurt or put off and we need to find a person from each group to co-sponsor the event. We should start small and build out from that beginning, looking for ways across the divide. **Diane Emerson will suggest names of Bernie supporters for Kevin Jones to contact.**

RENAMING THE GROUP: As part of healing the divide the group voted unanimously to rename itself the Vashon Progressive Alliance; the website, MailChimp, and Facebook sites will be updated accordingly.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING: meeting adjourned at 8:30; next meeting will be October 17 at the Browns', starting at 6:00 for snacks and talk; 6:30 for business