

**Organizing meeting for Afghanistan march and rally**  
*Monday, 7/13/09*

Convened: 7:00 pm, AFSC

Present: (in person) Cole, Angela, Jed, John, Charlies, Alexi, Mark, Weimin, Duncan, Ann, George, David, Sheila, Marilyn, Matt; (by phone) Chris (CT), Dan (CT), Ruby (MA), Laura (CT), Wes (CT)

Chair: Ann

Notes: David

1. Introductions

2. Proposed action -- Cole

UJP initiated this action proposal to turn attention to the growing war in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The action is initially proposed for Copley Square, Oct. 3, with a description and slogans as listed on the yellow leaflet (attached). UFPJ national leadership is currently leaning toward Oct. 17 as proposed by Afghanistan-Pakistan working group.

3. National Assembly -- Marilyn

Conference of 250 activists took place in Pittsburgh this past weekend. Leaders of National Assembly, UFPJ, and ANSWER have agreed on goals of common fall dates. G-20 actions in Pittsburgh are slated for Sept. 24-25; Marriage Equality action is 10/11. NA decided on two weeks of protest Oct. 3-17 culminating in mass local actions 10/17.

4. Date

Discussion showed greatest interest in Oct. 17 or 18, pending information on UFPJ Steering Committee decision later this week and other information.

Proposal by Ann: That Sheila check out availability of Copley Square, Government Center, and Common for weekend of 17th-18th. Approved.

A call is to be written for the action.

5. Call and outreach

Cole, Matt, John, and George agreed to draft a proposed call for a meeting in two weeks. There was extensive discussion of the call, the demands, and the outreach process. It is agreed that Afghanistan and Pakistan are the main focuses of the action and that other concerns, such as Iraq and Palestine, will be addressed as well. Cole will draft an announcement for the next meeting (E5 or AFSC, Wed. 7/29, 7pm) that will go out to groups and individuals.

## 6. Procedure

It was agreed that the general meeting is the highest decision making body for this action, with one person, one vote, and that a 2/3 majority of those voting yes or no will be required.

## 7. Speakers

A program committee to be named at the next meeting will discuss speakers and criteria for speakers. Speakers will be diverse and will speak to the demands of the action.

## 8. Communication

Cole will manage the listserv and other communication issues. A committee of Cole, Mark, and Charlie will discuss web support for internal communication and for outreach.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.