

SWT Chapter MFSA Meeting Minutes
3/8/07

1. Meeting brought to order by Tara Thronson, President.
2. Chapter Study - partial showing of Nobelity (7:05-7:30 p.m.)
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Jody Williams Nobel Peace Prize 1997
 - c. Desmond Tutu Nobel Peace Prize 1984
 - d. comments and discussion among members
3. Introduction - New Officers
 - a. President - Tara Thronson
 - b. Vice-President (programs) - Deana Henry
 - c. Treasurer - Rowland Curry
 - d. Secretary - Vanessa De La Rosa
 - e. Webmaster - Adam Fambrough
4. Announcements
Future meetings/Events
 - April 10 - Grace UMC - focus primarily on subgroups
 - May - St. John's UMC - national focus
 - Speaker: Amy Stapleton from National MFSA
 - Report: Tara Thronson, and Rowland and Janice Curry - National MFSA meeting celebrating 100 years of MFSA
 - June - no meeting - Annual Conference
 - Need presence at Annual Conference and Pride parade
 - July - no meeting - possible picnic with Georgetown MFSA group
 - August 5th - showing of Nobelity in its entirety
 - August - maybe cookout to kick off "back-to-school"
 - September 7th-8th - "Creating a Culture of Peace" workshop
5. Sub-Group Meeting Time
Reports
 - a. Seeking Inclusion & Equality
 - i. Table at Annual Conference
 - at least 9 members are attending so Adam and Vanessa will coordinate volunteers to man the table
 - ii. Pride Parade
 - June 2 - we will need volunteers to walk and carry the 5 banners representing Grace, MFSA, St. John's, Trinity and University,
 - we will meet between 6:00-6:30 p.m. by the Statesman
 - iii. Information
 - Richard and Joe will be attending the Reconciling Ministries Network Annual Convocation in Nashville in August
 - "Good News" out of Houston and surrounding areas has raised \$200,000 to feed the delegation from Africa at General Conference and thus attempt to influence their vote
 - Richard and Bob Parsons met with Kim Cape - she is behind us on progressive issues
 - b. Creating a Peaceful Culture
 - i. Million Musician March on March 17th - will meet around 11:30-noon on the south side of the capital - will march to city hall

- ii. “Creating a Culture of Peace” workshop - have questions for Wanda and will report back with answers (i.e. how many volunteers will be needed, etc.)
 - c. Supporting Justice & the UMC Social Principles
 - Gathering information on bills: death penalty, school vouchers, campaign reform, environment, CHIP, reform of justice system - will report back with information
- 6. The next meeting will be on April 10 at Grace UMC.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned.