

In attendance: Natasha, Ivy, Terri, Corrine, Tanya, Eleya, Sonya

1. Discussed proposing the "fist pump" as a hand signal for Occupy meetings: to be used when one feels oppressed

*Already successfully used in Barcelona, Oakland and SF, dovetails with Peace & Safety's existing plan

*Concern: Signal might be misused if we don't clarify what is oppressive action/behavior, how do we introduce it?

*Decided we need to form a sub group to create a handout with info to introduce the fist pump--pass it out at GA, and the Agenda setting meeting on Mon, Jan 9th (six women needed in attendance) and then continue handing out flyers to spread signal

2. Discussed relationships with other committees

*women's caucus needs to expand beyond just our group of women, we are too insular now

* our next step should be to reach out and participate in other committees, spread anti-oppression gospel and

come back to our smaller group to debrief and decompress

*FOR SUNDAY: a couple of women are involved in UnSettle Portland (UnSettle Portland is connected to a national movement called Take Back the Land, formed to reclaim foreclosed homes, first in FL, now in many places in the country). UnSettle needs more women for direct actions both above ground and underground.
How does the OPWC feel about getting more involved?

3. Discussed media workshops/teach-ins and teach-outs

*Portland Action Lab day on Feb 4th (?) includes a morning media teach-in (there will also be teach-ins on Non-Violent Disobedience and Strategy, as well as a dinner and party!) Let's all go!

*Suggested that this be our first venue for an anti-oppression teach-out? Many of us would like to learn to lead these anti-oppression teach-outs....in a teach-in? Learn internally to teach externally

4. Reproductive Rights Action on Jan 22

*Propose endorsement for our action at the GA on the Jan 7

*Terri's going to work on a Facebook page and other outreach activities to invite others to get involved

5. Meeting Logistics

*Concerns raised: What are the purposes of our Thursday and Sunday meetings? How sustainable is two meetings a week for people?

*Maybe we could just meet as a whole on Sundays and have Thursdays

be times for subgroups to meet, and we could make a Google Doc to sign up for attendance to spokes council meetings (we need at least three people each week, but it would be awesome to shoot for showing up as a six-pack each time!)....maybe we have enough active members that each person will only need to go a couple times a month....

*If we only meet once a week it was suggested that we make the meetings longer, at least 3hrs

***A pack of us should attend the GA's on Jan 7th (to support our proposal for Jan 22 action) AND fist pump proposal day!!**

6. Suggestions for a check-in at each meeting, just to see how we are all doing and to reconnect with one another

For Sunday: Please read the Bell Hook's article and the Emotional Economics article (posted on OPWC Facebook page?)