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## Citizens for Peace Minutes 10-13-09

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CITIZENS FOR PEACE  
Minutes  
October 13, 2009

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a welcome by President, Colleen Mills. She shared the following quote from President Obama, who recently won the Nobel Peace Prize: “Let me be clear: I do not view it as recognition of my own accomplishments, but rather as an affirmation of American leadership on behalf of aspirations held by people in all nations.” She then introduced Caroline Trout, who opened the meeting with thoughts on Inner Peace.

Fund Raiser Chairman, Pat Van Vuren, collected 50/50 donations – a portion of the proceeds go to our Education Fund. The winning name will be drawn later in the evening.

**Special Discussion:**

Tonight we focused on the Global Unity Project – a collection of Films and commentary on key areas:

1. The first discussion centered on Jayesh Patel and his Living Service. He teaches us the way to WALK in Life:
  - W – Witness nature and all its wonders
  - A – Accept your circumstances in life
  - L – Love your Life, it is yours to cherish and share with others
  - K – Know Thyself
2. The second discussion was regarding Orland Bishop: Oneness in Abundance
  - Or economic system makes competition a necessity and scarcity a part of our economic world view, according to Orland. Each group was asked how they feel about this statement and if they could envision an alternative.
3. The third discussion was focused on Bob Randall: The Land Owns Us
  - Everything in our environment is part of our family. The groups explored how it makes them feel being related to everything.

The groups were so engrossed in these topics there was no time for the last one from Anjali Desai: Love All, Serve All. Anjali says that when something good happens in one place it adds to “universal goodness” around the world.

**Announcements:**

- Parisian Community day books are available for just \$5.00 and all the proceeds go to CFP. Get your coupon book and visit the store on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – or put something on layaway the week prior.
- The Friday night Film series has started. 7:00 pm at Madonna.
- There have been 1100 downloads of our Peace Bibliography!
- Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting, for a Potluck, games & silent auction
- Season for Nonviolence, Peace Essay Contest is ready to distribute to students

Pat VanVuren won the raffle and donated the monies back to the club! Thank you!!!

The meeting closed with a guided imagery by Judy Lipsom to continue our theme of Global Oneness.

Colleen thanked all in attendance and the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.