

Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice

State of the Network - October 28, 2023



Membership

- Member Organizations: 79
- Individual or family memberships: 73 individual & family memberships, 17 sustainers

Activities

In the past year:

- We sent e-mail News & Action Alerts nearly every week to 1281 subscribers.
- We posted 909 events and 220 action alert spotlights on the WNPJ and up to 1000 Facebook listings highlighting the work of our member groups on our page at <https://www.facebook.com/WisNPJ>.
- We worked with Catholic Worker House members to help with housing, food and coordination of their Midwest Faith & Resistance Gathering opposing militarism and war.
- WNPJ worked closely with Veterans for Peace in Milwaukee as they brought their anti-nuke ship "The Golden Rule" to Wisconsin ports, spreading their news and coordinating events with other member groups involved with anti-war issues.
- Honoring our commitment to connecting with groups statewide, we held our spring steering committee meeting at the Nature Reserve near LaFarge with a focus on energy issues in the Driftless region of Wisconsin. Videos are available at: <https://www.wnpj.org/post/driftless-energy-2023>
- We traveled to Custer WI in the middle of the state for the annual Midwest Renewable Energy Fair in June, tabling for WNPJ and connecting with our member groups working on sustainability issues.
- We are holding our fall assembly in Appleton and on-line – "Every Drop Counts; Coming Together for Water" - October 28, 2023 - where contacts from over 20 of our member groups will be present.

Operations

- We are currently operating without paid staff, with the board and volunteers taking on all management of the network.
- We are working to determine an appropriate job description for administrative staffing.
- We have applied for a grant that would help fund technical support and office management for our soon to be formed Environmental Justice Task Force. The objective is to create a united front particularly assisting marginalized communities affected by environmental issues. Depending on the size of the grant, funding for environmental projects throughout the state may be made available.

Financial

We have around \$33,000 in the bank: \$20,000 in our reserves and \$13,000 in checking.

ANNUAL BUDGET

- Projected revenue: \$24,000 memberships, donations & grants
- General operating expenses: \$4300 includes software & online services, postage, licenses & bank fees; \$2000 professional fees
- Available annually for additional staff assistance: \$17,700, employee or contract status to be determined.

Current Board of Directors

Tynnetta Jackson & Mary Kay Baum, Co-chairs; Vicki Berenson, Treasurer; Erika Bach, Secretary; John Peck, Dena Eakles, Debra Gillispie, and Brad Geyer. Our new board will take office following the Oct 28 assembly elections.