



Director's Report - March 2018

Financial Reports - Comments

- Clearly, contributions continue to lag behind last year.
- The annual premium for our Liability Insurance (\$974) was paid in February. Last year was \$949.
- A bank balance of \$51,000 is pretty healthy.

Personnel Updates

- As of March 1, Kristil is working as an independent contractor, allowing me to set up the Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) under IRS rules.
- Kristil will be paid a flat contract rate of \$1370 per month, payable on the last Friday of each month. This is comparable to the total of her current hourly wage, health care benefits and employer-paid taxes (which she will now have to pay).
- I am trying to figure out where to open my SEP Individual Retirement Account for the pension plan. My credit union does not handle such accounts, I learned to my dismay this week.
- I will get the SEP IRA opened somewhere during March. Employer contributions into this IRA will be \$687.50 per month for the rest of the year, to equal the \$6875 budgeted.

Other Updates

- PPJC is an original endorser of a national call for Spring anti-war demonstrations around the country on April 15. The theme for these mobilizations is End the Wars at Home and Abroad. The Bay Area demo will be held at Lake Merritt in Oakland.
<https://www.facebook.com/endwarsspring2018>
- First Baptist will be (finally) clearing out the space we were supposed to be moving our storage into. When we can finally move, it should help with making things more accessible than they are right now. Our “temporary” storage situation is now entering its ninth month.
- With regard to the above item, we have had about 20 boxes of old files stored in Dorothy Fadiman’s garage for the past many, many years. Dorothy needed the space back, so now we have even more to store at First Baptist.

Program Report

I’ve come to a final agreement with the MoveOn organizer of a planned “if Mueller is fired” protest rally and we’ll be combining forces. As you’ll recall, PPJC and MoveOn were both planning similar demonstrations, which, by their nature, would be happening at the same time. MoveOn will still hold

its planned picket in front of Anna Eshoo's office. But then they will march through the streets, finally reaching city hall plaza, where PPJC was planning to hold its emergency response demo. All publicity will refer to both actions as a unified whole.

The March forum was held last night at the Media Center. The topic was Trump's new "Nuclear Posture Review" with guest Jackie Cabasso of Western States Legal Foundation. Jackie was terrific as usual. The online video is delayed because we have to do some post-production editing. We had a mic go out during the taping.

Upcoming programs ...

I'm trying to organize some kind of program for each month at the Los Altos Library. So far, here's what's planned ...

4/19 - Film and discussion: "Where the Guns Go", a film about U.S. weapons sales to Mexico. <https://www.peaceandjustice.org/guns-go/> The speaker is from American Friends Service Committee, which has a new project to end sales because of Mexico's dismal human rights record. AFSC produced the film.

5/9 - A talk by David Hartsough, author of *Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist*. This was just arranged, so there's no publicity to show you yet. But here's info about David's book: <http://www.pmpress.org/content/article.php/DavidHartsough>

Unknown date - Emergency response protest if Trump fires Mueller (or fires Rosenstein or starts pardoning people). <https://www.peaceandjustice.org/mueller-demo/>

April forum is not set yet. If you have any topics you'd like to see covered, let me know!

Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, April 4 at First Baptist. This is a **potluck meeting**, so arrive at **6:30 pm** with your delicious contribution.