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POST REFLECTIONS ON UPTOWN GUILD MEETING

Research Centrum
Uptown 5 Post

WHO ATTENDED THE GUILD MEETING:

Betsy Kirkley	Dawn Gooch
Duncan Randall	Gloria Carter
Grace Sourelis	Francis Carter (her son)
G.V. Cherian	Warren Clark
Ed Goulart	Harold Williams
Frank Wherry	Mort Glassner
Nancy Stark	Steve Busa
Mary Klepser	Connie _____ (visitor)
Mike Jackson	Carole Cathey
Harriet O'Donnell	Ken Hamje
Mitchell Zerwin	Fred Odanaka
Richard Davis	Martha Talbott
Steve Hlubick	Jane Holmes
Gretta Edwards	Nancy Stocking
Mary Hawkins	Yiota Demetrios (visitor)
Dennis Jennings	Louise Lutis
Gene Boivin	Alexa Sehr
Judy Appenfelder	Miriam Levinson
Linda Schneider	Flora Johnson
Bill Slicker	Bess Sodersten
Trudy New	John Hudson
Fred Haman	Jay Anderson

44 people total

What did you notice about the meeting:

They knew the Social Process triangles.
All were there for the betterment of Uptown.
Automatically wanted to get together.
Brought family (son) and friends (Lutis & Cathey)
Image: new physical signs in the community.
Women picked up on roles.
Fine men.
Tactical thinkers
Clear on methods
Used the methods in their own groups (Harriet O'Donnell) already
Mrs. New's letter to the McBurneys, which she read at the meeting,
should be printed in i.e.

What was the funniest thing about the meeting:

Duncan Randall: at being asked something about himself, just after the
Ixtlan conversation: "I have no personal history"

Other things you noticed:

Bess Sodersten: was a social worker in Uptown for many years; now volunteers
at the senior citizen's center.
Bringing two extra tables in was an event.
"Let's sing a song" at end of meeting" --NEW DAY--suggested by Louise Lutis.

The Order was imparted by this group's singing.
 Hlubick remarked that now his wife has a way to participate with him
 in community affairs.

Clarity: Warren Clark's comment on this group's being a warehouse of ideas.
 Dennis Jennings's remark on cleaning up one block as a symbol.

Silence in the conversation when question was raised of application of
 LENS to Uptown: group was willing to struggle, to allow a depth silence.

Ixtlan took them deep quickly. Will be crucial for this group.

Odanaka---decided to honor us.

What needs to emerge:

Guild coming to shape

Their articulation of their raison d'etre as a Guild is at the same level
 already as ours would be.

At a question about the course, they focussed immediately on Uptown community.
 No negative comments about Uptown were given, except when asked for blocks.

Liberalism?

"good/bad" syndrome

But they had good trends listed.

That group will soon be doing themselves the sort of work we have been
 doing this week in Post on the social contradictions in Uptown (paragraphs)

No question of need for the group to continue meeting, and the need for a
 special group of just this nature. The Movement is right on the edge.

Wanting to move into small groups; image of the Guild as a large group.
 Gift of LENS course---pushes us on our thinking about the Guild.

KH--we grasped ourselves a catalysts tonight.

And that nobody was in conflict with any of their
 other forms and structures of engagement.

MJ--People there tonight will be the leadership, and they are men. Guild
 in Uptown will not be a hen party. And the men there
 are, are significant.

SB--they sensed their power as a body of people.

DG--sense of unity with anyone else who has had LENS

FB--just recruited these people and persuaded them to come; yet they are
 colleagues already! No us/them question.

HW--sensed themselves as a representative group

GB--Decision to affirm EI's presence; no fear; matter-of-fact

MJ

DG--Similar question to Capt. Davis about Salvation Army

FW--we were disturbed at being non-transparent

MT--but that's a kind of transparency

RJ--calling himself "Common Religion" publicly was a depth struggle for
 capt. Davis

FHess--comment by him on Wilson Avenue boredom, and changing styles, not

HW--we saw "the world waiting on tiptoe" tonight.

FW--conversation on phone earlier today with Mr. Parkhusst--buried his wife yesterday; would rather not discuss the course right now. Had good experience with the Davises who picked him up to take him to the course, and who went to the graveside with him yesterday.

What glitches do you anticipate?

Responses (none) to \$ announcement

large room---elders in back couldn't hear; or see the board.

hallway noise

ventilation (but no one looked bored)

pedagogical -- find ways to give tips to Uptown people who will lead meetings

Betsy--enunciation

rhythm of meeting---need smoother transitions; non-legalistic

songs in middle

need to be sure 1 or 2 people talk to everyone there

Cold drink needed

Very little laughter or humor (at Ixtlan, etc.)

none of the Spanish people (most are Mini-College) came tonight

Is this (ICA) the place where the Guild needs to meet?

(It was noted that all our glitches were pretty trivial)

What needs to happen?

Letters out promptly to every grad, with report of the meeting and notice of the Nov. 12 meeting.

Be constantly on top of where these people (all grads); visit each in the next 2 weeks.

discover leadership

create teams (non-geographic)

get on top of information on all the organizations mentioned, and all the organizations the grads represent

list of recruitment prospects from them for the next LENS

get a way to do LENS course for free in Uptown; massively expand.

our report to the Order on the meeting

socio-grid

concrete thinking about the broad future needs; more theorizing, or a concrete workday?

bring off one event quickly with a symbolic impact

symbolic action: then ways to move in relation to their own groups.

our own roles and input in their future meetings: how?

---maybe spin off images.

methods reflection as part of next Guild meeting

Dennis Jennings asked about his participating in Daily Office and Ecclesiola. He should probably be approached about interning (is an RS-I grad).