

**Socialist Party USA**  
**Editorial Board Meeting**  
December 10, 2006

**Present:** Jessica, Tina, Mal, Diane, Eric and Susan (Co-editor for the IWD issue)  
**Unable to attend:** Steve, Jim, and Jason

We discussed Tina's editorial and made a few suggestions and she's going to work more on it. We agreed that a longer than usual editorial (700 words instead of 350) would not be a problem given the content. Our consensus about including the local/state directory page was that we should make sure the information is current and run it in every issue. The format for this and future issues will have a third of the last page blank for member addresses since individual subscriptions will be mailed directly by Saltus Press.

We've received an article by Tina--an interview of a young woman from Afganistan who co-founded a group that raises funds to help women and children. They've been able to set up schools where girls are able to attend and are trying to expand their work. ( This article and the editorial are both on the EB line for comment) Susan has received permission to reprint a speech given by an Israeli woman, She has a report by a woman from Iran. After initial editing, she'll send these to Diane for further refining and then they will sent to the rest of us. Susan is hoping to interview a local mid-eastern woman who had promised an article but was recently injured in a car accident. Sharon Chiorrazzo is doing an article on Lebanon.

We also have other content for this issue--a book review and an article by Jeff Brindle. Since we don't have any thing from a Palestinian, point of view, we wondered if Steve R could focus on that in the article he is doing. One of Susan's contacts has extensive photos, which could help us make this issue less content heavy. We decided that the TS pages we include will just be part of the regular issue and need not conform to the IWD theme.

We spent some time talking about the publishing schedule we've adopted--4 issues of TS and 2 of SW per year. Our feeling was that this is a reasonable and possible goal for a volunteer group. Diane is doing layout for both publications as well as editing TS. We hope that the party will ultimately accept this as the six publications per year.

Diane will review the budget drawn up earlier. Our finances would be helped by more ads and by more subscriptions. We'd like to put out a call for locals and individuals to invest in both. IWD ads would be welcome. We'd like to send out a call for members to give gift subscriptions at \$10 each or gift membership at \$20. Our finances are being helped by monthly contributions from Diane for or in lieu of subscriptions of \$50 a month and Maggie Phair is sending \$50 a month as well. The donations go directly to our account at Saltus Press.

If I've left out anything or reported anything inaccurately I hope other attendees will add comments and I try to answer questions from those unable to attend. In solidarity, Mal