

Indiana University South Bend Archives

Guide to IU South Bend Occupy South Bend Collection

Summary Information

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Abstract: Occupy Wall Street is a protest movement that began in New York's Zuccotti Park on September 17, 2011. The group's main areas of concentration and activism involve critical examination of – and activism against - social and economic inequality, greed, corruption and the rampant influence of corporation on government. As other grassroots Occupy movements sprang up across the country, South Bend Indiana's own Occupy protests began in front of the Wells Fargo building downtown on October 8, 2011. Since that time Occupy South Bend has organized protests, rallies and, in particular, sit-ins in order to protest what they believe is systemically instituted corporate control over the American government and by extension, Americans' lives. People from all walks of life have participated in the movement – including students, to business owners, to laid-off union workers. Many spent weeks or even months camped out in front of various South Bend banks, financial service providers or other institutions whose practices they believe are toxic to the health of the United States economy.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection is organized alphabetically and then chronologically. Included in the collection are newspaper clippings of articles discussing the Occupy Movement in South Bend and its impact locally, handwritten minutes from Occupy South Bend general assembly meetings, a detailed 'manifesto' penned by local activist Tom Butler about what Occupy South Bend stands for and what its goals are moving forward. Also included are oral interviews with local Occupiers conducted at Schurz Library under the supervision of Tom Butler, Alison Stankrauff and Josh Crain.

Additionally, there are digital files of a can opener that those in the Occupy South Bend movement used. This can opener served as an official item that granted permission to speak to the person in possession of it at that moment.

The can opener was presented to the Occupy South Bend by the Mayor as a sign of good will. The activists with Occupy South Bend wanted to keep the physical can opener in their possession, so digital images of these were captured. These images are stored in the Archivist's digital files.

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1. Response by Tom Butler to the 'Chase Fact Sheet' - January 9, 2011.
2. Chase Tower Fact Sheet - February 27, 2011.
3. The Occupied Wall Street. Newspaper – October 8, 2011.
4. They Have 99 Problems when we Became One. Flyer – October 8, 2011.
5. Unions Rallying for Good Jobs Now Join in Solidarity With Occupy South Bend. Press Release – October 10, 2011.
6. Workshop: Consensus Process and Facilitating Discussion. Itinerary – October 10, 2011.
7. Occupy South Bend General Assembly Minutes – October 14-22, 2011.
8. Melissa Stokely's Letter to Chuck Leone – October 28, 2011.
9. Indiana AFL-CIO Endorses Occupy Events Across State. Flyer – October 2011.
10. *Lakeville Lunar Echo #44/Evolution Issue*. Newsletter – October 2011.
11. Release and Indemnification Agree to the City of South Bend – November 1, 2011.
12. John R. Hunt Plaza Private Use Application. Official Document from the City of South Bend – November 5, 2011.
13. Stand Together Rally. Flyer – November 5, 2011.
14. *Lakeville Lunar Echo*. Newsletter with articles about Occupy South Bend – November 9, 2011.
15. Declaration of Victory – November 29, 2011.

16. Occupiers Looking to Raise Awareness. *South Bend Tribune* Newspaper Article – December 16, 2011.
17. Occupy Town Hall. Flyer – December 17, 2011.
18. Occupy Response to ‘Right to Work’ – January 10, 2012.
19. Occupy Transpo. Flyer – January 28, 2012.
20. Lois Clark Oral Interview. Release form – March 15, 2012.
21. Interview Questions for Lois Clark – March 2012.
22. Deed of Gift Form – April 4, 2012.
23. Interview with Tony Lamb – May 2013. Contains: DVD, Release Form, Interview Questions.
24. The 99% Declaration. Flyer - No Date.
25. 99 to 1, Those are Great Odds. Flyer – No Date.
26. The AFL-CIO Six Pillars to Create and Keep Good Jobs – No Date.
27. General Assembly Rules. Handout – No Date.
28. How Do Lower Wages Help Indiana’s Economy?. Flyer – No Date.
29. List of Occupy Signs (with art on back) – No Date.
30. Melissa’s To Do List – No Date.
31. NYC General Assembly – No Date.
32. Occupy Chants – No Date.
33. Occupy South Bend FAQ – No Date.
34. Photographs of Occupy South Bend – No Date.

- 35. Posters of Occupy South Bend – No Date.
- 36. The Occupy Wall Street Spokes Council Proposal – No Date.
- 37. This Republican opposes Right to Work – Flyer – No Date.
- 38. Tom Butler's explanation on why we occupy – No Date.
- 39. We are the 99%. Flyers – No Date.
- 40. What to do if you're stopped by the police – No Date.
- 41. Unidentified/Miscellaneous – No date.