

## Minutes of NWICAIW Meeting July 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn McCrady.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The treasurer's report showed \$5,297: General Funds: \$2,543. Signs: \$2,754. Since the last meeting \$314 was paid out for print ads.

### OLD BUSINESS

Nina reported that there would be a Peace In at Senator Bayh's office in Hammond on Tuesday, July 24, at 8:30 AM. This is not a civil disobedience action. It is a Code Pink vigil.

Only four out of thirteen advisory board members can attend the reception in their honor at Jim and Elaine's. If more cannot come, it may be postponed until fall.

Carolyn reported on the meeting with Visclosky. She felt that it went badly. Although many coalition members attended, he has not changed his position. There was discussion about whether he is angst-ridden over the contradiction of opposing the war but wanting to fund the troops or just playing both sides politically.

Carolyn reported on the new print ad campaign, asking people to call their congressmen, with telephone numbers. The Crusader ad will appear July 14 and 21 (We were given one week free due to a mistake.) The 411 ad will appear July 20. The Lake Shore Shopper ad will be out in August. She decided against Senior Life, but she will write a letter to the editor. Bob suggested Calumet Press with a circulation of 20,000. 1/4 page is \$216. Tony moved that we wait a few weeks. Jim seconded it. It passed.

Tony reported that Peace Signs is now working with Lamar Signs on our OUT OF IRAQ NOW billboard. When and where is still to be determined. We pay for vinyl and a \$500 one time fee.

Carolyn reported that the Air Show was a great success. 1000 flyers were passed out and response was very positive. Her picture appeared in the Post Tribune. She wants to write a letter to the editor thanking the public.

Bob reported on the Highland July 4 parade. Our participation was approved. It is the largest parade in NW Indiana. Twelve coalition members marched and there was a great response. Bob mentioned that a new group from Homewood, Generations for Peace, had 68 in their parade.

Tony reported on Yogis against the war. Their event was held on the beach in Chicago near Loyola.

Lorri reported on the Popcorn Festival plans. It is Saturday, September 8. The theme is Popcorn Celebrates the Arts. Lorri proposed a multi-arts plan for our group, consisting of the song Give Peace a Chance (suggested by Bobbi Galler), peace-themed movie and art posters, our coalition signs, plus other signs constructed with popcorn. Last year we had 50 people in the parade. Jim suggested that an IVAW contingent might want to participate. Including percussionists, like The Drum Circle, was also suggested.

### NEW BUSINESS

Bob reported on summer films: *Salud*, a film about the health system in Cuba, will be shown August 15 at 6:30 at the Munster Public Library. *War Made Easy*, by Sean Penn, will be shown in September, date to be announced (probably either Sept. 10 or 21).

Carolyn reported on the Iraq Moratorium Project which will kick off Sept. 21. On the third Friday of every month people are asked to carry out an action against the war: don't buy gas, wear a black armband or an Out of Iraq button, pressure politicians, etc.

Tony reported that plans for the October 27 demonstration in Chicago are underway. Leading up to it will be the Occupation Project by Voices for Creative Nonviolence on August 6.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is August 5 at 7 PM at Temple Israel in Miller.