

Minutes NWICAIW Meeting November 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Jim Spicer. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report from Tony was read by Jim. The total funds are \$1,541, with \$546 dedicated to Signs and \$995 in the General Fund. The report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Billboards by Jim (for Tony): We have a 1-year contract for the highway 80/94 PSA billboard, although it may move around. Tony is working with other groups around the country on billboard projects. Ours serves as a model.

2. Reports on recent actions

a. Moratorium Armbands (Carolyn): We should have a plan for distributing the armbands for December. Maybe we could do a pre-Christmas mall walk, similar to the one Nick organized recently, wearing our Out of Iraq t-shirts and the armbands.

b. October 27 Demonstration report (Jim for Tony): About 10,000-12,000 turned out with about 5,000 from outside of Chicago. Participants were from the following communities: labor, suburban, Latino, black, Greens, college students, vets, and military families. Carl from CAWI reported that our left-of-center position both cost and gained us participants. The money spent was not commensurate with the results. The participation from Chicago and from the Chicago press was disappointing. Carl is leaving Chicago, so the future for CAWI will be different. Leslie Kagan of UFPJ sent out a 10 point survey and would like feedback (through Tony) on the demonstration.

3. Report on Fundraiser at Lake Street Gallery in Miller by Carolyn: The Silent Art Auction will be held December 13 at 7PM. Joyce Davis, the owner will take only 15%. She will supply wine and crackers and we will supply the cheese. Press will go to Nora Glen, the Post-Trib, the Advisory Board, plus 200 post cards that Joyce will design. We will pay for postage and printing. Carolyn suggested making out a master list composed of 10 or so names by each person. We will all address the 200 post cards at the next meeting. Sandy is making an email attachment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of frequency of meetings tabled. We may proceed on an as-needed basis.

2. Future Actions

Carolyn suggested that we write a letter to the editor of the Post-Tribune (which carried a page 1 headline about Nick's, Nina's, and Kathy's exclusion from CIA Director Hayden's recent talk in Chicago, an article, and a photo) supporting the actions of these three people and defending them as responsible, mainstream, civically involved persons who were

merely exercising their constitutional rights by attending a forum by a public official whom taxpayers employ, before they were turned away at the door at the request of Director Hayden. Jim will write the letter.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 18 at Temple Israel in Miller at 5:30 PM.