

**Minutes of the NWICAIW meeting
of January 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Jim Spicer. The minutes of the November 18, 2007 meeting were approved as posted. The Year-End Financial Statement was presented and accepted. The treasury shows a bank balance of \$3,836.79 with \$546.23 dedicated to signs and \$3,290.56 available for general purposes.

Old business was reviewed: A report on the current status of the billboard project was presented by Tony. Reports on recent actions included a review of the Moratorium mall walk, an update on the plans of UFPJ for their Winter Soldiers campaign on March 19, the current status of CAWI, a report on the Gary City Council Resolution opposing war with Iran, and a summary of the most recent fund raiser, the Peace on Earth Art Silent Auction at Lake Street Gallery in Miller which raised \$1,777. A report on a course offering at IUN was made followed by a discussion of our presenting films on the U.S. occupation of Iraq in conjunction with the course offered by Dr. Raoul Contraras. Contacts will be developed to secure a time and place for film showings at the student center. Finally, a report was made about our contact with the Chicago Street Theater in Valparaiso to make a brochure available (produced by the AFSC) at the presentation of their production of *Letters Home*, February 1-16th.

New Business included the following: As a result of the Recommendations and Actions of the Executive Committee meeting of December 11, 2007 Nina Klooster (Code Pink) was voted as a member of the Coalition Executive Committee; an expenditure of \$50 placing the Coalition as a co-sponsor of the No Attack on Iran Coalition (Scott Ritter event in Evanston); and our endorsement of the Witness Against Torture event (in Chicago) on the 6th anniversary, January 11, 2008, of the founding of the prison facility at Guantanamo for those accused of terrorism.

It was announced by the Co-Chair, Jim, that next month, February, will be the annual review of its current leadership roles. Jim announced his intention to step aside as Co-Chair and to continue his other roles as manager of the database, website, correspondence, and inventory of Coalition materials.

Carolyn presented material originally initiated by Nina concerning the AFSC initiative to high school students regarding alternatives to military service. Contacts will be sought with high school guidance council chairpersons in the Gary, Merrillville, Valparaiso, and Chesterton schools. Sy volunteered to contact Lorri and Helen regarding Valparaiso and Chesterton. Jim volunteered to contact counselors in two Gary high schools.

A discussion of the upcoming 5th anniversary of the Iraq war (March 19, 2008) and events took place. While there will be civil disobedience conducted in Washington, DC, the events in other localities remains in the planning stages. A national website has been established at (www.5yearstoomany.org)

Carolyn presented a proposal to join with UFPJ in the sale of a book which is an anthology of work on the Iraq war (*War With No End*). No action was taken.

It was proposed that the Coalition sponsor an ad in the *Crusader*. Cost will be researched and communicated to the Executive Committee.

A brief discussion as to the time and place of the next Executive Committee meeting was held with a decision to be determined by them at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes submitted by Sy and Jim)