

Minutes of NWICAIW meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Sy Moskowitz.

The minutes were approved as posted on the organization's web site.

The treasurer's report was given by the Treasurer Tony and approved by the body.

Lorri gave a report on the Valparaiso meeting and how they wanted to broaden out into other social justice issues. They also were planning for the meeting with Visclosky. She talked about the march and the Wednesday morning peace vigils at the courthouse and the Saturday protests too.

Tony gave a report about the attempts to get a Gary city council resolution against the troop escalation and that the Chicago one had hit a snag. He reported the Chuck Hughes had agreed to introduce the resolution. There was talk of finding other anti-escalation resolutions.

The meeting moved to discussion of the Opting Out of recruitment for high school students. There was much discussion of just what the system requires. Lorri reported about the Valpo student newspaper ad and that she may just write a letter to the editor about opting out.

We then discussed organizing for the Visclosky meeting on Saturday. It will be at 12:30pm and for only one half hour. Paul was to contact Jerome and Ed from labor and see if they could come. Carolyn was to contact Lorenzo and others. It was agreed that Carolyn would be the spokesperson at the meeting. (head honcho as Sy put it)

There was a discussion of the NW Indiana Federation of Labor's endorsement of a joint forum on the war. Paul was assigned to follow up on this issue.

Nominations and Elections were held to fill the Executive positions of the organization.

Jim Spicer and Carolyn McCrady were elected Co-Chairs

Tony Shafton was elected Treasurer

Kay Rosen was elected Secretary

The rest of the Executive Committee was elected as:

Helen Booth, Nick Egnatz, Sy Moskowitz & Lorri Cornett.

The billboard issue was reported on by Tony that the status of the toll road sign remains that we are not paying for it and it remains unlighted. The company that bought it has not contacted us yet despite having made our intentions known. Lamar Signs has agreed to carry our message and Tony moved and the body approved a motion to begin a new campaign using two smaller signs that will be moved around the area for six months.

Sue Eleuterio reported about the Occupation Project and it's impact on representatives, especially in Illinois. Bayh and Lugar would be the logical Indiana representatives to protest in Indianapolis. Nina would agree to train people.

Sue also brought up the need for a co-moderator of the yahoo groups list serve as she will be gone for three weeks. Paul S. Kaczocha agreed to help with this in her absence.

The lending library of books was discussed and Sy had the books.

Sue brought up the Green Festival in Chicago on April 21-22 at McCormick Place and the Group endorsed participation.

The meeting ended about 8:30pm

