

## Minutes for the June 3, 2007 meeting of the NWICAIW

The meeting was called to order by Jim Spicer. The minutes from the April 22 meeting were approved. Tony gave the Treasurer's report: \$5570 total; \$2769 - Sign Fund; \$2801 - General Fund.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Jim read a letter from Congressman Visclosky regarding his position on Iran.
2. Advisory Board: Carolyn reported that ten people who were invited to join our advisory board have accepted. The date of the reception at Jim and Elaine's is to be announced.
3. NCLB update: Jim is still waiting for clarification from Alex Wheeler about the uniform collection of the Opt Out forms among the Gary schools and if and how the military is notified about those students who have opted out. Lorri has placed an ad about Opting Out in the May 25 issue of the VHS newspaper. (It was also supposed to be in the April issue but didn't appear.)
4. Lobbying effort with Visclosky on July 3 at 4 PM: Carolyn is organizing it. She is looking for about ten people who represent a broad spectrum of the community. Sue volunteered to go to address Visclosky's pledge to her on January 3 to support withdrawal of the troops.
5. Meeting with Senator Bayh on June 23: Sue is getting the run-around from Bayh's office about the location and time of the meeting. Sue would like to place ads in the Times, PT, and Indy Star announcing the public meeting at IUN on Saturday, June 23, at 10 AM. We want a location that will hold a lot of people. The Hammond Court House, where they might want to hold it, probably cannot hold one hundred people. If Bayh doesn't show up, a "Flat Stanley" surrogate could stand in. Sue would like our support. There was discussion, and Tony moved that we authorize Sue to tell Bayh's staff, on our behalf, that we need a location and time for the June 23 meeting. We also authorized her to take out ads on June 6. It was seconded and passed.
6. UFPJ National Assembly (Chicago, June 23-24) update by Tony: CAWI is in nomination to be on the steering committee of UFPJ.
7. Billboards report by Tony:
  - It was agreed that we would stop payment for the Duens sign after June.
  - Tony is the new billboard coordinator for UFPJ.
  - "Peace Signs" (part of "Peace Roots") is facilitating better rates (\$600) for groups without

5013C status. Tony spoke with Lamar who will host our PSA's in our area on unused billboards. When the space is rented, Lamar will move them to another unrented location. "Peace Signs" has a vinyl producer with a \$600 rate + 10% for handling. Ed moved and it was seconded that we do it. Tony will compose message options for us to decide on.

8. Memorial Day: Jim reported that that 20 people showed up in Gary for the Memorial Day event and read the names of the war dead.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Tony announced a peace initiative consisting of city council resolutions by 6 midwestern cities, Ann Arbor, Gary, Chicago, Cincinnati, Duluth, Kalamazoo directed to Congress to end the Iraq War.

2. Summer events: Petitions have outgrown their usefulness possibly, and another idea is a Code Pink one in which cell phones would be available at tables for people to phone their Congressman's office about the war.

3. Sue announced that Code Pink is beginning a chapter in NW Indiana. Their agenda may include counter recruiting in schools.

4. Julie read a PT article about Cindy Sheehan and reduced activism, due possibly to improved technology. Sue countered that we should all call the media in defense of Cindy Sheehan. She is going to introduce T-shirts saying that we are all Cindy Sheehan.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on Sunday, June 17, at Temple Israel in Miller.