

Minutes of NWICAIW

AUGUST 5, 2007

The August 5, 2007 meeting of the coalition was opened at 7 pm by Jim Spicer, co-chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Jim reported that the treasury currently has \$4174, including \$1834 in general funds and \$2340 in money dedicated to the billboard project. Expenditures since last meeting included \$839 to Garco for yard signs, \$134 for the "Burma-Shave-like signs planned for the Gary airport fence area, and a \$100 donation to UFPJ. Ed Johnston moved and Bob Hogan seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was passed.

PERIODIC REVIEW OF BILLBOARDS:

The I90 sign (still unlighted) is status quo; we have paid no more and the sign is still up. We are still waiting to hear from Lamar as to placement of the next billboards. The Duens sign is still up. Mr. Gantz, the owner, has died and so we are going to pay no more. The Burma Shave signs are going up on space owned by Nat McKnight, who owns the fence near the Gary-Chicago airport. So far we have paid \$84 for materials and \$50 to Deb Weiss, who will paint the signs.

CITIES FOR PROGRESS

Jim reported that the 300 representatives from cities that have passed anti-war resolutions (Gary sent no reps) were not granted interviews with the White House staff.

ADVISORY BOARD SOCIAL

This is postponed due to summer lack of interest and absences.

MEETINGS WITH VISCLOSKY AND BAYH

Nick and friends met with Rep. Visclosky staff member Mark Lopez. There was no police action. The Code Pink meeting with Senator Bayh is now scheduled for 5 pm on Tuesday, August 21—probably at the court house in Crown Point. Details will be forthcoming via email.

POPCORN FEST PLANS

Lori reported on Popcorn Fest application progress. The application has been filed and we expect a response in 2 or 3 weeks. We are buying posters for \$9 to \$12 each, listing our website. The Valparaiso group is working on getting loudspeakers for the music we plan to play as we march; suggestions are requested for ideas for some new songs: one suggestion is Robert Craig's Eyes Wide Open DVD. Marchers are being asked to stick to the Out of Iraq message and not to introduce ones we don't fully endorse as a coalition. We need Carol to order new shirts for new marchers

IRAQ MORATORIUM PLANS

Plans in Chicago are underway for the action on the Iraq moratorium of Sept. 21. The Lincoln Park members for Peace are making black armbands for this.

UPDATE ON ADS

Jim reported for Carol that all of our ads in local media have run as specified, except for one which did not include our web address. She is writing a letter to this newspaper about a correction. We are hoping to run a February ad in the Chicago Street theater program. Lori also reported that the Valparaiso schools have included our Opt-Out info. In their high school handbooks. However, they did not mention the fact that the student himself may opt out on his own without permission from parents.

NEW BUSINESS

The Fest in the First is Sept. 8, the same date as the Popcorn parade; we will plan to promote and be in both events. As mentioned above, we need a new order for shirts; Carolyn will be asked to do this. Bob reported on a Munster branch library film series. The first of these is Salud!, a movie about the Cuban health care system, being shown on Wednesday, August 15, at 6:30. Subsequent films include War Made Easy, on Tuesday, September 11, and First Casualty on Tuesday, October 9. Jim reported the coalition website has been down due to non-renewal of domain name. This will be corrected and the site should be up shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40; our next meeting will be here at Temple Israel on Sunday, August 19, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sub scribe Julie Chary