

Northwest Indiana Coalition Against the Iraq War Meeting

Minutes for August 19, 2007

Meeting Called to order 7:02 P.M.

Treasurer's Report Motion to accept report-M.P.

Discussion of Peace Sign Placement

Tony Shafton reported on possible location for future placement of billboards, especially the Public Service Billboard. Tentative placement is in Illinois on 394 south of Chicago. Location acceptable due to high traffic but Tony prefers to try for I 80/94. Motion was made to let Tony use his own judgment in arranging for sign placement. M.P.

Meeting in Crown Point with Senator Evan Bayh

Meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. with a rally outside on steps at 4:00 P.M. Only 50 people will be allowed in the meeting, which will be limited to one hour. No signs will be allowed inside and all must show a photo I.D. Questions will be submitted on cards.

Popcorn Fest in Valparaiso

There was no report at this meeting. All area peace activists will be encouraged to attend.

Fest in the First

Jim will ask Paul Kaczocha to head up committee actions in fest. Mike Chirich has approved Coalition participation.

Impeachment

Discussion was held regarding the relationship of this movement and the Coalition's stated mission.

October 27th Moratorium

Discussion of Moratorium and idea of black armbands to demonstrate opposition to war. Lincoln Park Neighbors for Peace have said they will make armbands by hand. Armbands would be worn on September 21st as action to show opposition to war on every third Friday. Discussion also held regarding getting Advisory Board members to get their group members to October 27th Moratorium. E-mail should be sent to Ad. Board members on armband availability as precursor to 10/27.

Tony Shafton reported on Moratorium plans. Focus is against the war and drawing in new constituencies. Peace trains are coming to Chicago from around the Mid-west. Feeder marches will feed to Union Park where there will be a rally at 2:00 P.M. and then march to Grant Park for big rally which will end at 6:00 P.M. Two Chicago aldermen have signed on supporting the rally and march. Possible South Shore peace train. Ed Johnston will talk to Jerome Davison about supporting the march with union members and buses.

A fund raising appeal will be needed for 10/27. Jim will write letter. CAWI has a dedicated phone line for info on 10/27 and e-mail for endorsement requests.

November 16, 2007 Calumet Project Dinner

The Coalition is to receive an award. Jim and Carolyn will attend.

Next meeting

Due to Labor Day holiday the next meeting will be September 9, 2007.