

## Minutes of NWICAIW Meeting October 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Jim Spicer. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The Treasury Report showed that the total funds were \$1,631: \$521 dedicated to signs and \$1,110 in the general treasury.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jim read Tony's letter to the list serve requesting that all coalition items for sale be paid for and not given away, with the exception of replacement yard signs.

Billboard report: The I-90 Out of Iraq billboard is now down. It had a good run of over one year. The new PSA billboard on the Borman Expressway between Cline and Kennedy Avenues is scheduled to go up the week of October 8, hopefully.

Carolyn and Jim wrote to Cong. Visclosky asking him to stop funding the war. Jim read his reply which basically reiterated all of his votes regarding the war. None of them supported defunding the war.

Reports on recent actions:

1. The Saturday rallies have been good.
2. Carolyn and Jim attended the Raul Contreras talk at IUN about Imperialism and the Anti-War Movement. About 100 people were there. Jim also spoke about the October 27 Demonstration in Chicago and received a very good response.
3. Bob reported on an anti-war program at PUC with Code Pink, UFPJ, Viet Nam and Iraqi vets, and our coalition. There was a good response by students. Carolyn stressed the importance of getting student groups to the Oct. 27 demonstration.
4. Moratorium armbands: Carolyn felt unsure about the impact of the armbands, which were distributed to various groups. She was concerned that the results did not match the huge effort by Kathy Strum, who made them.

October 27 Demonstration Report: Ed attended the meeting in Chicago and reported that things were coming together all over the country, but that Chicago/ Midwest planning was leading in breadth and scope. The police relationships were good. AFSC is picking up the insurance tab. Volunteers are still needed. Publicity is lagging at this point. Groups all over the Midwest are endorsing it. There are 25 slots for speakers at the Federal Plaza. \$45,000 is needed and 1/3 has been raised. There will be extra seats on the NWI Federation of Labor bus from McBride Hall which will leave at 11:30 AM. Carolyn reiterated the need to reach students at VU, IUN, and PUC. The school newspapers will be sent a press release. The NICTD will add cars if necessary, making the South Shore a "Peace Train," so we need to try to find out how many people will be going via train. She will get a story into the *P-T* and we still need a *Times* reporter.

NCLB: Carolyn reported that the Guidance Counselor came into two of her classes at Emerson and asked how many students wanted to opt out. In one class 85% raised their hands and 90% raised theirs in another class.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fundraiser at Lake Street Gallery: Carolyn reported that Joyce agreed to hold an art sale or auction probably the first week in December. We began making up a list of local artists. Proceeds will be divided between the Coalition and the gallery.

Tony thinks that the Executive Committee name should be changed to Steering Committee. It was tabled.

There are some upcoming anti-war events at Columbia College in Chicago, at DePaul, and World Can't Wait.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be at Carolyn's house (due to a scheduled event at Temple Israel) at 5:30 PM on October 21.