

## MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 26, 2005 MEETING OF THE NWICAIW

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn McCrady. A reporter, Idella Kerzner, who is writing a story for the Post-Tribune, attended.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Follow-up by Carolyn McCrady, Geri Solomon, Julie Chary, and Tony Shafton on the letter to area churches: Of the calls Geri made, four churches called her back and said they would welcome a presentation by our group. Geri will follow up on scheduling them.

Carolyn did not get call backs from the churches she left messages with. Julie asked if the Interfaith Federation had been contacted. They had not.

2. Petition against the war: Geri and Tim Beushause drafted a petition which was worded after the Gary City Council Resolution to end the war and bring the troops home. There was discussion and it was moved, seconded, and passed that the petition mention our support of HR 35 and incorporate its language (which is also in our flyer). Geri and Tim will redraft the petition.

3. Yard sign prices: Tony moved that every item (yard signs, magnetic car stickers, car window signs) costs \$4. The motion was seconded and passed. One (of nine) boxes of yard signs was brought to the meeting where they were distributed and sold.

4. July 4, Air Show, and Miller Art Fair/Garden Tour Events:

Bud Rosen reported that he spoke with Lalosa Burns, who is the head of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, regarding the NWICAIW presence at the events. On Saturday, July 2, we have access to the Senior Citizen tent at Marquette Park, or we can also roam through the crowds to pass out our literature and to get signatures on the petition, but we have no table or booth. Booths near the food vendors were too expensive. Bud Rosen, Kay Rosen, Carolyn McCrady, Steve Tallackson, Judy Tallackson, and Julie Chary will staff the July 2 activities from 11AM - 4PM.

Bud will get more information on the Air Show. We will have a table at this event.

Paul Kaczocha, Bobbi Galler, Larry Galler, Bud, and Carolyn volunteered to staff the Miller Art Fair Booth at the Aquatorium on July 9 and 10.

5. Car window signs: Carolyn brought up a question regarding the wording and design, and it was decided that the acronym be used on the sign. Garco Graphics is making them. We will get 1000 for \$300.

6. Meeting with Cong. Visclosky: We decided to accept the Friday, July 29 date offered to us by his office. Carolyn will call to confirm it. There was discussion of the composition of the delegation, and the following names representing a cross-section of people and organizations in Gary were proposed: Jim Spicer, Imam Charles Muhammad, Rev. Geri Solomon, June Long, Rev. Charles Emory, Mary Elgin, Ed Johnston, Lorenzo Crowell, Ron Matlock, Steve Tallackson. Carolyn, Paul, Julie, and Geri will call and invite the non-members.

7. Geri Solomon met with Rep. John Conners. She told him about our coalition and invited him to speak. He said to write him a letter and remind him. There was discussion about location (one of the University campuses, possibly IN), format (hearing, town hall, or, speech with Q&A) , date (maybe 1st or 2nd week of November), and possible co-sponsor by CAW (Chicago Coalition Against War). Carolyn and Geri will write him a letter with a general proposal.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Tony will contact Vet Nam Vets Against War who live in Indiana and invite them to our meeting.

The next meeting is July 10 at 7:30 at Temple Israel.

The meeting was adjourned.