

Minutes for the October 30, 2005 meeting of the NWICAIW

The meeting was called to order by Sy Moskowitz. The treasurer's report was \$700-\$800 after outstanding bills. New and old members introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Website: Sy recommended that we hire someone to maintain the website and spend up to \$10 an hour to do so, since it is the main portal to our group. There was discussion. Lorri knows someone who may be interested.

2. Report by Nick on the 2-hour Post-Trib meeting between him and Sue and three editors, including Rich James and Dave Rutter. He felt that they were sympathetic to our cause, and they insisted that they were not influenced by their corporate ownership. They said that they would fairly cover our events and position but needed to present the other side as well. Nick said they should take editorial positions on the war, torture, etc.

3. Yard signs: Many of the new order of 250 have been sold, but we need to get more out there. Magnetic bumper stickers too. It was noted that someone's house with yard sign was shown on either Channel 2, 5, or 7.

4. Nick's report on events

- Tues, Nov. 1, rally at Crown Point Courthouse, 12-1 PM
- Nick recommended a lunchtime rally in Valpo on Nov. 2. Lorri will locate a site.
- Whiting rally Nov. 9, 4-5
- Highland rally Nov. 5, 1-3
- The Democratic Alliance Seminar, Chesterton, Nov.5, 9:30-2:45. Trade Union people and Democratic Party people will attend. Sy asked for volunteers to staff tables with products, post cards, and literature about us.
- The statewide rally in Terre Haute was well-received.

More details about these events can be found in past minutes or in Nick's Press Releases on the Yahoo site.

5. Fundraisers

Helen Boothe is hosting the Porter County fundraiser on Nov.13 at 2 PM at her house. 200 people have been invited. Marjorie designed the invitations. Sue might host the Lake County fundraiser.

6. Hammond Report

Stephanie reported for Carl Wolf that they are still working on a Hammond City Council

Resolution similar to Gary's. They are tying budget slashing and higher taxes to the expense of the War. Sy and June L. are working on the East Chicago resolution.

7. Local Campus Report

The Purdue Social Justice Club is hosting an Iraq War Symposium from 7-9 Nov. 17, Alumni Hall on the third floor of the Library Building. The Post-Trib will cover it if they invite the other side. There is a Speak-Out on Nov. 10, 11-12 PM, in the Student Union.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sy proposed to have Nancie Tharpe send out new postcards drafted by Sy and Jim to everyone on our database, asking them to please respond if they would like to become more involved. Julie moved that we authorize \$125 for bulk mailing + printing. It passed. Nick suggested that we include his telephone number. There will also be a design adjustment for returning the card.

2. (More) Future Events

- Peace and Justice Symposium Saturday, Nov. 12, at the VU Student Union. There will be a keynote speaker and smaller sessions. 250 people attended last year. Volunteers are needed to staff tables with literature and sign-up sheets.
- Helen is heading up a leafletting campaign in the high schools leading up to Nov. 17, "Not Your Soldier Day," a national event being organized by young people who are trying to take back their schools from military recruiters. There will be a planning meeting after the general meeting. She feels that three people are needed per school. There was discussion. It was suggested that the students themselves could distribute the leaflets.
- A smaller "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit by the AFSC is being offered which we will exhibit Nov. 12-13. The 260 pairs of boots symbolize the National Guard personnel killed in Iraq. There was discussion about possible venues. A large space is needed. It would be nice for it to coincide with the VU Peace and Justice Symposium, where there is already an audience.
- An announcement was made by Janet about a meeting in Valpo on Nov. 8 from 10-2 to organize a Valpo group.

3. Give Carolyn your T-shirt orders. They cost \$8.50 and will take about 5 days to make once she has orders for 30.

The next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 13, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel in Miller.

The meeting was adjourned.