

## Minutes of NWICAIW meeting March 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Jim Spicer. There was an introduction of new and old members. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. The treasury has about \$2000, less the \$218 cost of the new banner.

### OLD BUSINESS

Chicago Anti-War March and Rally on March 18 to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the Iraq War: Feeders marches from various parts of the city will meet up at Walton and State for a march down Michigan Avenue at 7 pm. Tony recommended via Jim that we join the feeder march at Union Park at 3PM. Shuttle buses will then ferry people to Walton and State. Chicagoactions.org has all the information. Nick said that there will still be a rally at the Flags veterans Memorial in Highland from 12 noon to 1:30, and then people will carpool to Chicago. Sy recommended that because the day is so long and the logistics are so complicated that people do their own thing and make their own plans. Nick will bring our new Out of Iraq banner.

Report on Gary Rally on March 25: Carolyn reported that publicity will begin this week. Channels 4, 21, and 22 (the public access and education channels) are already carrying ads. Leafletting will take place at Key Markets and the Village Shopping Center on March 15. Churches and student groups need to be contacted in the next two weeks. Julie and Jim agreed to man a table at the rally with sign-up sheets, literature, and a petition to support Jim McGovern's HR4232. Sy suggested that everyone take 10-15 names and make phone calls.

Report on NCLB and Opt-Out option: Sy reported that he and Tony sent follow-up letters to principals in Gary asking what they've done about the opt-out forms. There have been no responses yet. Hopefully Alex Wheeler who is on the school board can bring it up again with principals.

Report on IPJN (Indiana Peace and Justice Network): We voted to affiliate and Nick offered to be our contact person.

Community report: Sy reported that there has been good attendance at the Valpo teach-ins which take place every Monday night. On March 21-22 (the anniversary of the Iraq War) there will be a speaker from Notre Dame (22nd at 7:30) and other activities. There will also be an anti-war event at Purdue North Central campus.

Nick reported that Anne Wright will be the keynote speaker at an event in Indianapolis on April 9 and then she will speak at Purdue on April 10 at noon. Helen Booth will be hosting

her overnight and perhaps Helen will have a potluck/fundraiser.

### NEW BUSINESS

Nick requested that we endorse the Veterans' March from Mobile, AL to New Orleans from March 14-19. It is sponsored by Military Families Speak Out, Gold Star Families, and Veterans for Peace. Jim moved and Sy seconded the motion. It was passed. Nick will send some of our T-shirts to Cindy Sheehan.

Discussion of Spring and Summer actions: We discussed having a brief petition at events for people to sign to Senators Lugar and Bayh which would ask them to get us out of Iraq as soon as possible, reject further expenditures for the war, and request that they support any efforts to end the war.

Kay asked if we should petition Congressman Visclosky to support HR635 which would set up a subcommittee to explore impeachment against George Bush? Thirty representatives have signed on so far. There was much discussion and it was tabled for now.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is at 7pm on March 26 at Temple Israel in Miller.