

## Minutes for the September 18 meeting of the NWICAIW

The meeting was called to order by Sy Moskowitz. There were introductions of new and old members. The Treasurer's report was given by Jim Spicer: \$1191.78.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Reports on 5 anti-war events:

Report by Nick on rallies at Flags Veterans Memorial in Highland: there were 50 people at the rally Saturday, September 17. The Bring Them Home Bus Tour rally on September 8 had over 100 protesters, support from passersby, many new contacts including Nancie, and coverage in the Hammond Times, Post-Trib, and Channel 56. 60 postcards (asking Cong. Visclosky to reconsider his position) were signed and \$97 made from sales of magnetic stickers and yard signs.

Jim reported on Fest in the First in Miller on September 10. 350 postcards were signed and \$70 made from sales.

Sy reported on the Valpo Popcorn Festival. 35 people canvassed with postcards and clipboards. 350 were signed, and they ran out. Response was mixed. Six people from our group attended the Railcats game on Friday, Sept. 16. 80 postcards were signed and response was good.

2. Data organization: Our data base is growing. We have over 400 postcards with emails. Judi reported that she received back the petitions with 1400 signatures from Visclosky's office. Sylvia Troy said that the Northwest Indiana Democratic Alliance which meets in Chesterton has 400 names that could be added. There was discussion on the need to sort the names and enter them. Nancie has volunteered to enter the data and manage the database. Marshall suggested that volunteers help her. Paul K. will be the liaison between Nancie and our group.

3. Carolyn reported on costs of reordering signs. Our supply is low after five events. 250 more yard signs would cost \$700. It was moved and passed to order more, but subsequent discussion about our treasury prompted questions about ordering fewer than 250. We also have to invest in stamps for the hundreds of postcards to be sent to Visclosky. Carolyn will check on the cost of fewer signs. More postcards will also be reordered. Judi moved that we reorder magnetic signs, but Jim needs to check with Tony to see if they are on reorder already. Bud moved that we increase prices from \$4 to \$5. Motion was seconded and passed.

4. September 24 Anti-War Rally in D.C.: Geri wasn't at the meeting but people need to let

her know if they're going in her van. There will be a rally in Highland at the Flags Memorial. Dorothy Niblick will be in charge since Nick is going to the national rally. He also has meetings scheduled on Monday at the offices of Visclosky, Lugar, and Bayh, and he has asked members to write letters for him to take with him. Nick and Dorothy will write the press release for the rally. Nick brought up the Peace Vigil at 6:30 PM in Whiting organized by Nancie Tharp. It is synchronized with events all over the world as part of the International Day of Peace.

5. Website: Steve Johnson has resigned as webmaster although he will continue doing postings until someone new is found and then he will help with the transition. Sy suggested doing something to recognize his contributions to our group. Nick suggested a plaque. Marshall raised the issue of Steve's replacement. There was discussion. Paul suggested that a committee be formed for website issues. Nick, Paul, Marshall and Jim will be on it.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim brought up the issue of a vision for our group as a seed organization to encourage formation of grassroots groups in other communities. They would be like chapters of the NWICAIW. There was discussion.

2. Sy mentioned joining other Indiana anti-war groups. Everyone agreed that we should.

3. Carl Wolf will follow up on the School Board in Hammond.

The next meeting is Sunday, October 2 at 7:30 at Temple Israel in Miller.

The meeting was adjourned.