

MINUTES OF THE NWICAIW MEETING - APRIL 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Sy Moskowitz. The members present introduced themselves. The minutes of the previous meeting on March 26 were approved.

The treasury balance was reported to be about \$1,900. The group owes Sue Euleterio for refreshments served at the fund-raiser. In addition, we owe Helen Boothe \$177 for food at the Col. Wright event and Carolyn McCready has a bill for \$278 from Garfo Graffics for T-shirts.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nick Egnatz reported that 45 to 50 people attended the affair for Col. Wright, and Helen Boothe put on a great party. \$451 was collected, although the event was not primarily a "fund-raiser". The following day at Purdue, attendance was again 45 to 50. We may (or may not) owe the University \$200 for renting the Center.
2. We got a few names and addresses of potential members at the Gary rally. These have been given to Toni.
3. Last week's debate at the Valparaiso University campus attracted about 60 people and received coverage in the news. Judi Tallackson was there with signs, but was moved off the University property by the campus police. If we do this again, we will need a permit to demonstrate.
4. No one from this group attended the event at IU Northwest on Wednesday the 19th.
5. The Tallacksons reported on the Gary vigils, which have been held from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays during April. Response from the public has been good, but only 4 or 5 people have been involved in the demonstrations. Next Saturday, April 29, will be the final vigil at 5th and Broadway. During May, vigils will be moved to Rt. 12 and Lake Street in Miller, also on Saturday mornings.
6. Nick reported on continuing vigils at other locations.
7. At Chesterton High School, brochures are available from the Quakers concerning conscientious objection. The Chesterton group viewed the documentary film, "Why we fight" dealing with how "think tanks" have taken over the development of policy and opinion. They recommend the film, which could be shown elsewhere depending on the terms for its use, which Nick will investigate. Helen suggests contacting John Vickers at Notre Dame.

(I have a note here which I don't understand: "AFSC.org website. Want to make one-page, 2-side brochure. Marge & Marshall)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sy wondered if we could march in the Gary Memorial Day Parade, where we handed out leaflets last year, or at other events like the Popcorn Festival in Valpo. Helen has a "parade car" -- a 1936 Mercedes -- which would be an eye-catcher on such occasions. The festivals would offer opportunities for exposure and signing up supporters. Participation in the summer events typically involves long lead times, to get permits from the parade sponsors. Sy suggested that we find out what is happening in each local area, and the following responsibilities were assigned:

-----Sy will check out Valpo

-----Marge and Helen will report on Chesterton

-----Carolyn and Tom will look into Gary and the Lake County Fair.

-----Nick will investigate events in Highland and Munster

-----Judi and Marshall will check out Portage.

All will report back soon.

2. The Purdue Social Justice Club is planning to send a busload of students to New York City for the anti-war rally on April 29, but a promised subsidy from the University has not been received. Some of our members have made private contributions toward the cost of the bus, and

it was proposed that we contribute, as an organization, the cost of sending one or two students. After discussion, Carolyn moved and Nick seconded, that we donate \$180 to the Social Justice organization, and let them use it to subsidize the bus trip. This would help the group and would cement our relationship with them. This motion passed, with one dissenting vote.

3. Steve noted that we need feedback from Julie and Kay concerning the petition to Congressman Visclosky, asking for a time-table for withdrawal from Iraq.

4. Helen reported that Liz Modesto, a Portage councilwoman, has agreed to initiate a motion opposing the Iraq war. Passing such a resolution would have a significant impact. Carolyn noted that the website "Cities for Peace" shows all the communities which have passed such resolutions. She will print out some of these.

5. Conducting a new fund-raising effort via letter to people we think would respond, was discussed without conclusion.

6. Marjorie reported that a motion has been introduced in Lake Station, calling for the impeachment of President Bush.

7. Judi wondered whether we have the manpower to continue street-corner vigils during the summer. Nick thought it was worth while to keep on, even with just a few people. Sy thought each of the "converted" needs to recruit someone new.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be in two weeks, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Eaton

ATTENDANCE - APRIL 23, 2006

Nick Egnatz
Sy Moskowitz
Judi Tallackson
Steve Tallackson
Carolyn McCready
Helen Boothe
Marjorie Crawford
Marshall D'Aron
Tom Eaton