

Minutes of NWICAIW Meeting May 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Sy Moskowitz. There is approximately \$1500 in the treasury. The minutes were approved except for the misspelling of Garco Graphics.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nick reported that attendance was down from an average of 12, to 8 people at the Highland rallies. Nick also announced an anti-war concert in Evanston on Saturday, May 13, sponsored by Viet Nam Veterans Against the War.
2. Brian Cretton reported from Lake Station that the City Council voted against his resolution for impeachment of the President. He said it was covered in the press, and he suggested that similar resolutions be brought before all of the city councils in the area.
3. Lori was not at the meeting, but the Valpo group has been holding weekly vigils and meetings. Sy reported that an anti-recruitment ad will appear in the high school newspaper.
4. Steve reported that they were joined by people at the April 9 rally at 5th Ave. and Broadway in Gary, and that they were also joined by several people at the first Miller vigil at Lake St. and US 20. He said that 5 people minimum were an adequate number. Judi announced that vigils will be held in June at 34th St. and Broadway in Gary.
5. Report from Mike Vega and Kim from Purdue Cal. and Akili Shaker from Wirt on the bus trip to and anti-war rally in New York City on April 29, to which the NWICAIW contributed some financial support. Mike showed some photographs. He said the rally was huge even though the press didn't carry it, and they carried banners with "Hoosiers For Peace." Akili Shaker's daughter served in Iraq.
6. Gary Rally follow up: Carolyn reported that we were able to obtain some more signatures from attendees and that there was good coverage in the press. She hopes to work on a Peace Sunday program in Gary. Sy mentioned an "Ascension Sunday" in Valpo, a joint peace project by the churches.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming summer events: Sy brought up the Popcorn Festival in Valpo which is attended by 100,000 people. We would need to apply to march in the parade. There are many other fairs that we should consider, like the Chesterton Art Fair, the Gary Air Show, and the Munster July 4 parade.
2. The petition wording was read and there was discussion on wording and strategy, as well as about what information to ask signers for. To reduce the amount of time it takes for each

person, we decided to ask for email addresses and include a box for them to check if they want to be contacted for future events. Sy also presented samples of "Bush Bucks" to pass out (with facts list on back) at the fairs. They are designed by Len Dreyfus, who is also printing them for us at no cost (to us).

3. Sy reported that a resolution is going to be brought before the Portage City Council which is similar to the Murtha Resolution.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on May 21 at Temple Israel at 7 PM.