

**Broome County Peace Action  
Minutes of Meeting, June 9, 2009  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Binghamton, New York**

**1 Call to order and introductions**

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Tarik Abedelazim, President.

**2 Minutes**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of April 14 were approved as distributed by e-mail

**3 Treasurer's report**

3.1 Pat Creighton reported that the BCPA has a balance of \$3,953.54, Broome County Nuclear Weapons Reduction Campaign has a balance of \$1107.11, the Southern Tier Peacemaker's Memorial Fund has a balance of \$7,771.24, and the BC War Tax Resistance Fund has a balance of \$200.00

**4 Committee reports**

**4.1 Membership**

4.1.1 Sue McAnanama, chair, wants to start a membership committee in order to have more tabling and outreach. A discussion followed on tabling, getting buttons, button stickers, etc. Sue will coordinate by calling some people.

**4.2 Update Newsletter**

4.2.1 870 newsletters were mailed out yesterday and most people received them today. The mailing cost is approximately \$225.00. \$125.00 for the printer and \$100.00 for postage.

**4.3 Southern Tier Peacemaker's Fund**

4.3.1 It was proposed that Roland Austin, who died last week, be added to the Southern Tier Peacemakers. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and approved. George Haeseler gave a brief outline of Roland's life in the peace movement and how he had been an integral part of BCPA for its entire existence.

4.3.2 Work is continuing on creating a memorial garden at Peace Park/Confluence Park. It is hoped to be completed in the fall.

4.3.3 Awards, totaling \$900, have been given to students to travel to Washington, DC.

**4.4 War Tax Resisters Fund**

4.4.1 George Haeseler reported that notices have been sent out to many people inviting them to join the fund. In addition, he will be sending a Guest Viewpoint to the Press. (He is waiting for 30 days since his last published letter which was about a single-payer health care system.)

**4.5 Palestine Action Committee**

4.5.1 Jim Clune is working on determining what actions are happening nationwide on putting pressure on companies doing business with Israel.

**5 Old Business**

**5.1 Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition**

5.1.1 Tarik reported that the Broome Regional Sustainability Coalition is moving toward obtain tax-exempt status.

**6 New Business**

6.1 **Wilton Vought** has been a great friend of the progressive community with the videos

he makes and puts on line under the name of **Essential Dissent**

<http://essentialdissent.blogspot.com> A motion was made by Alan Jones and seconded by Susan McAnanama that we give him a donation of \$300 in appreciation for what he does.

- 6.2 Alan Jones reported on the **Peace, Justice, and Environment Project** which is trying to establish a web site for interaction of progressive organizations in New York. He will be in touch with them and will report in a later meeting.
- 6.3 Tarik announced that the annual **Peace and Sustainability Picnic** will be held at **Lisa Bloodnik's** farm on August 16 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. He asked for volunteers to help with the picnic. Contact Adam Flint at [flint@igc.org](mailto:flint@igc.org) if interested.
- 6.4 Jack Gilroy is working on the **Hiroshima Breakfast**. Helena Garan will speak on her pilgrimage in Japan and her visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- 6.5 **Doris Reed** is being given the **Citizen Action Phoenix** award. Susan says we should support the event which is on June 30;.
- 6.6 The **Jimmy Massey** film was shown at two venues in the area. It was sponsored by Veterans for Peace. George Haeseler made a motion that we give Joe Stillman \$200 to help with the expenses of bringing Jimmy Massey to the area. Seconded by Herb Bix. Approved. Not a lot of money was raised at the showing. Susan thought we should continue trying to promote the film.
- 6.7 If anyone has suggestions for speakers at our meetings, let Tarik know.

## **7 Announcements**

- 7.1 Susan has invitations for the Citizen Action event honoring Doris Reed and two others.

## **8 Adjournment at 7:54**

**9 The meeting was followed by a very informative talk by Professor James Petras on Latin America and its relations with the U.S. Since 1990.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Jones, Secretary