

**Broome County Peace Action  
Minutes of Meeting, July 14, 2009  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Binghamton, New York**

**1 Welcome, Agenda Review, and Revisions**

- 1.1 **Present:** Alan Jones, Doris Reed, Stan Masters, Sue McAnanama, Joyce Donahue, Bill Donahue, Heda Libby, Jack Gilroy, Lorenz Firsching, Jane DeHawkhurst, Laura Rasmussen, Tarik Abdelazim.
- 1.2 In the absence of Tarik (President), Ann (Vice-president), and Pat (Treasurer), Alan (Secretary) opened the meeting at 7:01. Tarik joined us at 7:08 and took over.

**2 Approve Minutes from June meeting**

- 2.1 The minutes were approved as e-mailed

**3 Treasurer's Report was presented.** Balances: BCNWRC - \$878.11, War Tax Resistance: \$200, STPMF - \$7,871.24, BCPA - \$3785.08

**4 Committee reports**

- 4.1 **Letters to the Editor** (Sue): There have been a couple of good letters.

**4.2 Membership**

- 4.2.1 Sue will send out a letter reminding people to pay their dues.
- 4.2.2 PANYS wants chapters to increase membership
- 4.2.3 Jane DeHawkhurst said there is a BU event called Communiversity early in September downtown at which we should have a presence.

- 4.3 **Update Newsletter.** The next newsletter will be sent in September. It was suggested that copies be sent to local politicians and student groups. If George is given addresses, he will add them to the database.

- 4.4 **Southern Tier Peacemakers Fund** is looking at monuments for Peace Park which will have the names of the peacemakers.

- 4.5 **Broome County War Tax Resistance Fund.** George will send a Guest Viewpoint about the Fund.

- 4.6 **Ad hoc Committee on Israel-Palestine.** Jim Clune sent out a notice about a group working on this. The committee will become more active in the fall.

**5 Old Business**

- 5.1 **Update: Peace, Justice, and Environmental Network** (Alan): A name has been picked: **New Yorkers for the Common Good.** He will continue to monitor the organization as they get rolling.

- 5.2 **Update: Hiroshima Day Breakfast:** Jack reported that the date, August 6, has been set with the Congregational Church. Helena Garan, who walked 800 miles in Japan, will be the speaker. Jack hopes to have some young people perform at the Church and at Peace Park. George made a motion to approve \$50 for the mailing of a notice. Seconded and passed. Jack made a motion to approve \$150 for expenses for the breakfast. Seconded and approved.

- 5.3 **Update: Resolution on UN Reform:** The resolution that we passed some time ago was sent to PANYS who passed it on to National. But it is not known if National has acted on it. Sue will try to find out the status.

**6 New Business**

- 6.1 **Costs of militarism Campaign:** A discussion was held about mounting an educational campaign to inform people how much of the Federal budget is being spent on militarism.

- 6.2 **Peace and Justice Collection**, Broome County Library. Tarik will write a letter suggesting that the Broome County Library should consider establishing a Peace and Justice Collection

## 7 **Announcements**

- 7.1 Congratulations were extended to **Doris Reed** for her Phoenix Award.
- 7.2 Congratulations were extended to **Jack Gilroy** for his project to have people turn in hand guns.
- 7.3 **Annual Peace and Sustainability Picnic**, Sunday. August 16, Bloodnick's Farm, 11 -4 pm Apalachin. Sue volunteered to help with the picnic.
- 7.4 Alan Jones announced that the BCPA minutes from 1992 through June 2007 were deposited in the Binghamton University Peace Action Movement (formerly the Greta Lake) Collection.
- 7.5 Jack Gilroy gave us an update on **Fr. Roy Bourgeois** concerning the School of the Americas Watch. Roy is currently in Honduras. He will be speaking at the United Methodist Church in Endicott on Sept. 23. Jack made a motion that we help support his transportation to this area with a donation of \$500. Seconded and passed.

## 8 **Adjournment at 8:18 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Jones, Secretary