

**Broome County Peace Action
Minutes of Meeting, September 8, 2009
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Binghamton, New York**

1 Welcome, Agenda Review, and Revisions

1.1 The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by President, Tarik

1.2 **Present:** Board Members: Pat Creighton, Tarik Abdelazim, Alan Jones, Ann Clune, Jim Clune, Jane DeHawkhurst, Larry Roberts, George Haeseler, Sue McAnanama, Jack Sexton, Stan Masters, Heda Libby, Herb Bix, George Damasevitz; Guests: George Homanich

2 Approve Minutes from August meeting

2.1 The minutes were approved as e-mailed

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Pat presented the treasurer's report. The balance in Peace Action as of 8/31/2009 was \$3362.67. The BCNWRC balance was \$1113.58, the STPMF was \$7871.24, BCWTRF was \$200.

4 Committee reports

4.1 **Letters to the Editor** – Sue says there has not been much activity.

4.2 **Membership** – Sue is working on a letter to people who have been receiving the newsletter but are not members suggesting they join.

4.3 **Update Newsletter** – Alan and George: Update was sent to the Printer today and will be mailed on September 17. Copies will be available for this Friday's tabling at Communiversity.

4.4 **Southern-Tier Peace Makers Fund** – Ann said there continues to be talk about the memorial. People can now apply on-line for an STFMF fund by e-mail.

4.5 **Israel-Palestine** – Jim Clune reported on a meeting at his house. A petition has been prepared as an insert in the current issue of *Update*. They are working the Israel-Palestine issue into the World March for Peace. A meeting will be held at the Cyber Cafe this Saturday concerning the World March. People from all of Upstate have been invited. Information for a possible boycott of companies such as Lockheed-Martin who do business with Israel is being gathered. Herb Bix hopes that the Israel-Palestine issue does not get lost inside the World March. It was agreed that there should be two separate petitions: one on the World March and one on the Israel-Palestine. George offered to chair a separate committee on the World March. His offer was accepted.

4.6 **Broome County War Tax Resisters Fund** – George Haeseler reported that his Guest Viewpoint on the War Tax Resistance Fund was in the paper on Sunday, August 30.

5 Old Business

5.1 **Update: Peace, Justice and Environmental Network** – Alan will use the web site to advertise the Cyber Cafe and the three upcoming speakers.

5.2 **Update: Cost of Militarism Campaign** – Jane reported on the Wage Peace Campaign which is promoted by the American Friends Service Committee. They sell a kit for \$100. She would like to see us work on this early next spring.

5.3 **Update: 350.org Week Campaign**, and talk by Chris Hedges 7:00 pm Oct. 24, at the UU church. Tarik will be the point person for the talk. This is in conjunction with the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition.

5.4 **Update on resolution calling for National Peace Action** to create a petition to urge reform of the United Nations. Our chapter sent a sample petition to Peace Action New York but nothing has happened at Peace Action National. George Haeseler has had

correspondence with Kevin Martin, Executive Director. Kevin Martin feels that this has not been a priority of Peace Action and there is apparently no plan for national to carry this proposal forward.

6 New Business

6.1 **Communiversality event.** Sue reported on our tabling this Friday Sept. 11 at the event on Washington Street in downtown Binghamton. She has bought \$125 worth of bumper stickers and buttons. The mid-east petition will be there and past and present issues of *Update*.

6.2 Speakers at Peace Action Board Meetings:

6.2.1 George Haeseler will talk at the November meeting about war tax resistance.

6.2.2 Tarik asked for suggestions for other months

7 Announcements

7.1 Chris Hedges, Saturday, October, UU Church 7 pm

7.2 Roy Bourgeois, September 23-24, 7 pm, First United Methodist Church, Endicott

7.3 Kathy Kelly, November 6, 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Binghamton.

7.4 Jim announced that there will be a demonstration at the White House on October 5 which is the anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan.

8 Adjournment at 8:26 pm