

**Broome County Peace Action
Minutes of Meeting, January 12, 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 Ann Clune

2 Present: Pat Creighton, Ann Clune, Jim Clune, George Haeseler, Arlene Haeseler, Sue McAnanama, Jack Sexton, Len Bjorkman, Michelle Dingler, Stephen Schweitzer, George McAnanama, Alan Jones, Jane DeHawkhurst, Doris Reed, Larry Roberts, Stan Masters, Heda Libby, Dave Duncan, Patricia Donohue

3 Approve Minutes from December meeting

3.1 The minutes were approved as e-mailed and posted at bcpeaceaction.org

4 Treasurer's Report – Pat Creighton.

4.1 Balances: BCPA - \$2,699.92, BCNWRC - \$610.98, \$7,621/24, BCWTRF - \$200.00

5 Committee reports

5.1 Membership – Susan McAnanama

5.1.1 Currently we have 119 members. 17 did not renew.

5.2 **Tasini-Gillibrand Debate Committee** - George Haeseler

5.2.1 The committee will hold its first meeting on Saturday, January 16 at noon at the Dunkin Donuts on Reynolds Road in Johnson City. The local chapter of the League of Women Voters (LOWV) has withdrawn its sponsorship after learning that only the New York State organization of the LOWV can sponsor debates. Broome County Veterans for Peace has agreed to be a sponsor and one of its members, Jack Cheevers, has agreed to represent it on the committee. Marilyn Myers and Sara Wokan from the LOWV have not yet decided whether to continue on the committee now that their organization is no longer sponsoring the debate. Carol Linsky and Marcesis Starzmann from Binghamton University's BPI are members. It is not yet determined which BU organization will be listed as a sponsor. George Damasevitz and Jack Gilroy are representing BCPA on the committee. I am acting as the facilitator.

5.3 The Israel-Palestine committee will be meeting soon – Jim Clune

6 Old Business

6.1 Resolution to support military service personnel who refuse to participate in illegal wars - George Haeseler

6.1.1 He has sent the resolution to the State Peace Action chapters but got no response. He also sent it to National PA and, at first, did not get a response but after a reminder he did get a response. The resolution will be brought up at the National PA meeting in February.

6.1.2 George made a resolution that we contribute \$100 to the Iraq Veterans Against the War and \$100 to the GI Rights Hotline. Seconded, passed.

6.1.3 George made a motion that we publicize the fact that we are supporting these organizations. Seconded and passed.

6.1.4 Susan announced that there will be a NYS PA meeting in February and a National PA organizer meeting in February.

7 New Business

7.1 George Haeseler made a motion that Stephen Schweitzer be appointed to be a

member of the Board. Seconded and passed with a round of applause.

7.2 George distributed a copy of his paper, "Why Peace Action Must Change". It will be debated at the February meeting.

7.3 Jim Clune made a motion that BCPA make a contribution to the **American Civic Association** Memorial. Seconded. After a short discussion, a motion was made to postpone discussion until next month. Passed.

7.4 The **Cairo Declaration to End Israeli Apartheid** was presented by Len Bjorkman. He would like to see us support the Declaration and proposed that we debate it next month.

7.5 The **Kairos Palestine Document** was presented by Len. He would like this statement to be distributed widely by the membership. The Israel-Palestine committee will take a look at it.

7.6 Len also distributed, "**A litany against gun violence**," which he feels would be suitable for observances of MLK Day, from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

7.7 Jane DeHawkhurst would like to head up a committee to promote a "Cost of War" campaign. Susan and Stephen Schweitzer volunteered. It is believed that Tarik would also like to serve.

7.8 Plans for February meeting.

8 Adjournment at 7:51 pm

9 After adjournment we had a very fine talk by Elliott Adams on his recent trip to Gaza.