

**LACROSSE INTERFAITH JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK**  
**November 9, 2015**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Youth Room**

WELCOME: attending: Madeline Kepner, Vince Hatt, Kent Johnson, June Kjome, Lori White, Harvey Witzenburg, Kay Rutherford, Bonnie Picket

OPENING MEDITATION: Bonnie shared a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 9/14/15 Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bonnie: \$213.46 Upcoming expenses include \$50 for state membership and \$20 for continuation of our website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

World Council of Churches World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine (Sept. 20-26) Sept. 29 7 PM at Ward Room UW-L Cartwright Center : Medical Mission to Gaza and West Bank by Dr. Ahmad Nassr, Mayo Surgeon

Kent reported on these two events. These events led to a discussion of local people of both the Jewish and Protestant faith. It was a fruitful discussion. The idea being: if people of different faiths cannot talk about issues in the Middle East here in the United States, how they talk about it in Israel and Palestine?

Guardian in group home: Kay reported on the woman that was ruled incompetent by an officer of the county and therefore unable to be contacted. More information will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ad in the amount of \$50 for the AMOS Annual report was approved. The AMOS dinner is Sunday, November 22 at the First Congregational Church at 5 PM.

United Nations International Day of Peace, Sept. 21: Next year the celebration will occur Wednesday, September 21.

New theme: "What Can I do to Promote Peace?" We brainstormed ideas that teachers might use to promote some creative thinking on the part of middle school students.

Sources of funding was discussed. Ideas to generate funding for programming included outreach to congregations, participation in the bean project at the Food Coop, outreach to funding organizations.

June gave us an update on the January 18 Martin Luther King Celebration at Viterbo.

Letter/Editorial Writing: we brainstormed various topics that could be used in letters to the editor.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2016, noon, Youth Room, St. Paul's Lutheran Church