

LA CROSSE INTERFAITH JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK Minutes

September 14, 2015

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

WELCOME

Attending: Vince Hatt, Kent Johnson, June Kjome, John Medinger, Lori White, Harvey Witzenburg

OPENING MEDITATION: Kent shared a prayer from the Latin Patriarch, Michel Sabbah, of Palestine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 7/13/15

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bonnie

July 13, 2015

Assets

<i>Savings balance, Park Bank</i>	<i>\$158.37</i>
<i>Interest, Mar thru June, 2015</i>	<i>.08</i>
<i>Cash on hand</i>	<i>31.00</i>
<i>Total funds available Sept. 14, 2015</i>	<i>\$194.37</i>

OLD BUSINESS:

September 18 International Day of Peace Poster and Writing Contest: Cameron Park. Aquinas Middle School, Coulee Montessori Middle School, Logan Middle School. Please come and show appreciation to these middle schoolers for their thoughts on the topic of peace.

NEW BUSINESS:

Iran Nuclear Treaty: On September 8, Kent, Vince and 6 other community members met with Ron Kind to discuss the treaty. It was a good open discussion which lasted longer than the scheduled time. Note: A few days later Congressman Kind came out in support of the treaty.

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

We discussed the topic of climate change and the Pope's Encyclical on Climate Change.

Merchandising in Human Flesh: a benefit presentation on September 21, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Sister Marlene Weisenbeck is a convener and leader of the La Crosse Task Force to Eradicate Modern Slavery, which is a grass roots effort to raise awareness about modern slavery (human trafficking) in our local region and the ways in which it mirrors the global experience. This is a benefit event for the Church Women United scholarship

fund which assists women to further their education at Western Technical University. Tickets: \$7.00 at the door. Hors d'oeuvres at 4:30, presentation at 5:15.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9, 12 noon, Youth Room, St. Paul's Lutheran Church