

**LACROSSE JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK,
March 12, 2017, St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Youth Room
Minutes**

Attending: Lois Durall, Lois Gilbert, Vince Hatt, Kent Johnson, Madeline Kepner, June Kjome, John Medinger, Bonnie Pickett, Lori White, Harvey Witzenburg

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie: Bank Balance as of January 9, 2017: \$705.62

Meditation: Madeline read a quotation by Albert Einstein

Old Business

Interfaith Shoulder to Shoulder Network: Madeline, Kent and Vince made reports. -Nine members of the local organization met with Ron Kind, per his request. -Members spoke at a service of the Unitarian Church to promote understanding of the Muslim faith. -Approximately 700 people attended the February 3 rally in Cameron Park in support of Muslims and refugees. -On March 15 at noon Wale Elegbede will speak at the English Lutheran Church. Title of the talk: "My neighbor is Muslim." -On March 28 from 6:30-8:30 Tim Scott of "Put Out the Fire" website will speak at the Radison Ballroom. Tim does presentations on the Holocaust. -There will be an attempt to expand the message to rural faith based communities using the resource "Loving Our Interfaith Communities" from the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

There was a discussion on International Women's Day on May 8 celebrated in LaCrosse with a forum at UW-L. The theme was "Be Bold for Change". Lois Gilbert, the host and one of the organizers, discussed the forum which featured five speakers who now live in the United States.

Lois Gilbert shared some brainstorming and activity suggestions for our annual Poster and Writing Contest in observance of the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21.

New Business

We will discontinue the use of our current website listserve. We will use emails to contact members and will attempt to create a new website.

Next Meeting: May 8, meditation: Lois Durall