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## Citizens For Peace Minutes 10-09-07

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CITIZENS FOR PEACE  
Minutes  
October 9, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm to dimmed lights as the group was lead in a brief meditation by Kathy Henning. We reflected upon our “Vision for Peace”. We were guided to picture our vision of peace - create a snapshot, so we can pull it out at any time we need it.

Colleen Mills welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone who participated in the Fall Film Festival, the Walk for Peace, the World Peace Diet event, Arlington Midwest and the Schoolcraft College – School Daze. She announced that there is a student who is interested in starting a student DoP group, and we’ll be happy to help!

**Announcements:**

- Colleen announced that Organizational Director, Dottie Ochala, has been organizing our media collection and will soon have a list available for members. A book collection list will follow.
- The group looked at a few different samples of Yousef Barakat’s ribbon project. More information on this project to follow.
- Education Director, Rosemary Doyle, commented on our November 8<sup>th</sup>, High Tea and Presentation for teachers in our area. The presentation, by Bill Sower, is on Restorative Practices, which is used in schools in an effort to bring together victims and students involved in acts of violence. It is modeled after Restorative Justice programs and is designed for the most difficult students. The result is forgiveness and less revenge. Also, as a result of this practice, there has been a 15% reduction in suspensions in middle schools. The seminar will take place at Madonna University.
- The Peace Collection bookmarks are done and ready to be distributed. They will be used to advertise the Peace Collection. Thank you to Rosemary for designing them.
- Colleen announced Peace Action’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker is Randi Rhodes. See her for an invitation to this event.

**Special Presentation:**

The Peace Speakers group, comprised of members of the Citizens for Peace, is here to speak about the Department of Peace and Nonviolence legislation. They have been working on this presentation for the past few months, studying the Bill, and gathering statistics. Colleen asked that we listen closely, as there are evaluation forms to complete afterward. The group would appreciate some constructive criticism before they take this presentation “on the road”. Those who participated were:

Introduction – Colleen Mills  
History of the Department of Peace – Bob Frank  
Statistics on violence in the United States – Jerry Mehler  
Existing programs making a difference – Rosemary Doyle  
Infrastructure of the DoP – Rosemary Doyle  
Summary & Request – Bob Frank  
Questions and Answers – Colleen Mills

At the conclusion of the presentation the speakers were thanked with much applause and appreciation. Their hard work was quite evident as they informed the group on why a Department of Peace would be an effective tool in combating violence. Many in the audience were struck by current statistics on violence, but were pleased to hear of the many programs that work to reduce violence.

Colleen reminded the group of our 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in November. It will be an International Pot-Luck and all are welcome. With no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.