

## **ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**Present: Taigen, Charles, Jack, Dean, Alex, Kevin**

**Facilitated by Jack, minutes by Kevin**

### **Our BPF Chicago Website Update:**

Kevin reports that our website has to be revised, and possibly the URL will need to be changed. The free web-builder Weebly (which was utilized to create our website) has been bought out by another company that is requesting payments to continue as-is. Kevin will explore the situation and report back to the group (and our site does need updating, anyway).

### **Upcoming Activities, CAPA, and Hiroshima Day:**

Jack reports on two upcoming activities: The Wisconsin supreme court election, and a student peace summit at Loyola (two announcements will be sent out shortly). Charles may run a table at the Loyola event (April 1<sup>st</sup>). Regarding Hiroshima Day, Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, how can we get students involved? Perhaps in-person dance or other performances? It's coming up sooner than we think. Alex reports on the Venezuelan immigrants: Spanish speaking groups are now canvassing for very specific donation items.

### **Upcoming Actions:**

- Alex asks if anyone is interested in canvassing for Brandon Johnson for Chicago mayor, the new election is April 4<sup>th</sup> (soon!).
- The Rohingya refugee crisis has been particularly acute recently, please visit to make donations: < <https://www.buddhisthumanitarianproject.org/>>, UNHCR, UNICEF, and/or Islamic relief organizations.
- “The Work that Reconnects” workshop (founded by Joanna Macy), March 18, check < [ancientdragon.org](http://ancientdragon.org)>.
- The Parliament of World Religions will be held in Chicago, August 2023. See < [parliamentofreligions.org/](http://parliamentofreligions.org/)> for more info.

### **NEXT ZOOM MEETING:**

Tuesday April 13, 2023: 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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