

## **ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter Thursday, April 13, 2023**

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

**Facilitated by Jack, minutes by Kevin**

CAPA Peace Summit 2023 at Loyola:

Charles and Jack attended the April 1<sup>st</sup> summit. There were around 150 people in attendance, including many enthusiastic students from DePaul, UIC, and Loyola. There are student groups working on diverse issues such as reproductive rights, homelessness, reinvesting their university's financial portfolios, banned books, Black farmers in Illinois, training student organizers, etc. Seemingly not much talk about environmental or anti-nuclear issues. There was a lot of urgency, anger, and some generalizations. Local Code Pink was in attendance. But overall, it was an amazing event. Jack and Charles met with the new director of CAPA <[chipeaceaction.org](http://chipeaceaction.org)>, Charles Johnson. He's grateful for BPF Chicago support, and hopes to continue our association.

Our BPF Website:

Kevin made revisions to our website, and did lengthy help chats online, to get it to work better (on multiple platforms). The website should now be visible from any device (phones, tablets, and desktop machines); please check it out and give feedback. Also we're now paid up (subscribed) for one year.

Upcoming Actions:

- Hiroshima Day, Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2023: In our next meeting, we must do specific planning (and with CAPA); most likely the event will be held in Evanston once again.
- Both the Burma and the Rohingya refugee crises have been particularly acute recently; will get updated info from Alan Senauke (he will be in Chicago at the end of month).
- Parliament of World Religions will be held in Chicago, August 2023. See <[parliamentofreligions.org/](http://parliamentofreligions.org/)> for more info.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:

May 11, 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday): 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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