# **ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter** Thursday, December 14, 2023

Present: Taigen, Charles, Jack, Kevin

### Stopping the Gaza War:

Jack suggests using the Chicago Area Peace Action (CAPA) letter writing tool, to write to elected officials/legislators, in support of stopping the killing in the Mideast. Click on these links:

https://www.chipeaceaction.org/palestinian-human-civil-rights/

CAPA statement on Gaza:

https://www.chipeaceaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/CAPA-Statement-on-Gaza-Nov.-2023.pdf

Evanston also has a human relations committee, and a resolution was floated, regarding a ceasefire in Gaza. CAPA endorsed it. But this resolution was later blocked/rescinded. We ask what other Buddhist groups are doing; it is noted that the Buddhist Action Coalition is becoming active again. How can we "walk back" the harsh language used by many individuals and groups, and how can we find a totally new, fresh vocabulary to describe the situation??

## BPF Chicago Website Continuation/Renewal:

Kevin suggests a redo (and renaming/rebranding?) of our website; perhaps with a web builder tool that won't cost so much per year. Discussion ensues.

### To Do:

• Kevin will ask Janet L how much money we have left in our BPF savings, and will research other possible website builders (that progressive organizations may be using). Will also check when our renewal dates are, and report back by next meeting.

#### **NEXT ZOOM MEETING:**

January 11, 2024 (2nd Thurs): 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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