

## Minutes

Veterans for Peace, Chptr #027

December 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Logsdon at 5:36 p.m. with the reading of the Statement of Purpose by Wayne Wittman. Before the moment of silence, Dave told of seeing Jerry Rau and reflecting on the early years of the organization. Larry Johnson spoke about plans for John Sherman's new setting after he leaves the rehab he has been in. These health updates preceded the moment of silence, noted on the Agenda.

Check-in focused on the year in review. In attendance were; Ron Staff, Barry Riesch, Larry Johnson, Greg Hagen, Wayne Wittman, James Brown, Dave Logsdon, Mary McNellis, Stephen Gates, Vern Hall, Mike Madden and Steve McKeown.

Barry moved approval of the November Minutes, seconded by Vern Hall and with unanimous approval.

Wayne gave the Treasurer's and moved it's approval, which was seconded by Greg and unanimously approved.

Barry gave the Membership Committee report and suggested that the national office could tell whether we had reached our growth goals. Then Barry suggested that he might have more time once he retires, soon.

Larry presented the Education Committee report extensively and with a two page written document.

Stephen spoke about Arts Committee actions around drones.

Mike's report on the Action Committee told about activities in town as well as nationwide on the Ferguson non-indictment of the police officer. The discussion moved toward the strategic issues around protesting. Actions during protests can "color" public perceptions and affect our message.

Greg talked about how Strategic Action Committee regards our non-violent process. He suggested that we assess our actions by the reaction we get in the media.

The Finance Committee report by Barry pointed out that there are products available for holiday gifts.

Wayne reported the School Of the Americas event provided us with more useful information. And he said the report in the newsletter was a good one. Some of the students have sought our e-newsletter and remain aware of the organization.

Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) report by Mary indicated a number of the other veterans for peace who represent other organizations at MAP.

Mike's WAMM/AWC report has been covered.

Nielsen Committee report indicates that there will be a committee meeting in January.

Wayne reported on the election of officers. Dave has agreed to run for the President. Mike has agreed to run for the Vice-President. Ron has agreed to run for Secretary. Wayne has agreed to operate as the Treasurer, with assistance from the former Treasurer, Tim; and as long as we as an organization continue to seek another Treasurer. When there were no other nominations, Barry moved the whole slate of officers, which were unanimously accepted.

Dave's report on the Financial Leveraging Committee reported on how money can be used to get our message out to the community.

House Resolution 758 was reported by Mike Madden. Barry moved that we send the letter composed by Vice President, Mike Madden, to our Representatives and seek a meeting with them. Seconded by Steve McK. It passed unanimously.

The 2015 Strategy Meeting will be on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Carondelet Center on St. Catherine University from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Barry moved to adjourn, Vern seconded and the meeting closed.

Ron Staff, Sec.