

Veterans for Peace 027 Minutes
10 August 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of Chapter # 027 commenced shortly after the advertised time of 5:30 p.m. on this date in the office at Cedar Avenue and Riverside in Minneapolis, MN.

President, David Logston, called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Secretary. Wayne Wittman nominated Ron Staff, who accepted the nomination. Ray DeVogel questioned whether there were any other nominations. The president suggested whoever might want the job could have it. There was a unanimous ballot for Ron.

President, David Logsdon, asked for the traditional reading of the VFP statement of purpose, which was done by Stephen Gates. Dave then rang a bell to initiate and conclude a moment of silence.

Each veteran then present did a check-in. (Attendance included: Wayne Wittman, Stephen James Gates, Mary McNells, Wes Davey, Ronald E. Staff, Larry Johnson, Dick Foley, Charlie Bloss, John Sherman, Dave Logsdon, Vern Hall, Bruce Berry, Ray DeVogel and [later] Steve McKeown.)

Dave moved the approval of the minutes for the May meeting; Ray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

John presented the Treasurer's Report. Wayne moved the approval of this report; Vern seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Membership was discussed.

Larry presented about Educational efforts including author, Paul K. Chappell's planned visit to Minnesota November 14th through the 20th at various sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Plymouth Congregational Church (1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.) will host him at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, the 16th, and Monday, the 17th, he will be at the Landmark Center (75 West 5th St., St. Paul) at 7:00 p.m. the 18th, 19th and 20th have yet to be scheduled. (Contact Larry at 612 747-3904 or larryjvf@gmail.com with options you might suggest.)

Finance Committee noted that the canoe raffle is set for Sept. 20.

For the Direct Action committee Ray reported an activity set for Sept. 21 with 350.org (Contact him for scoop.). Steve McK. and Ron reported holding a "Vander Hork Vigil" at the gates to Lakewood Cemetery following Karl's interment with the sign he painted, "HONOR VETERANS... NO MORE WARS."

The Arts Committee reported grants to be sought and that efforts were underway.

AWC/Activism and WAMM Committees input was limited.

Wayne's SOA report brought a couple of motions. Wayne moved and Ray seconded that President David Logsdon write a letter to the Columbus, GA police department expressing concern about veterans and citizens rights to assemble and freely speak their minds in that city.

This motion passed unanimously. Then, Mary moved, "to approve cutting a check for \$260.00 from the general funds for the purpose of providing a working scholarship to Beth Anne Nelson to ride the SOAW bus and assist Wayne and Ward in keeping the bus on time and making sure nobody gets left behind." Larry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The MAP Committee in talking about the regular Wednesday Lake Street/Marshall Ave. Bridge protest called for a "major hat passing" on Aug. 27 in collecting funds to be supportive of the World Beyond War Program. Wayne moved and Larry seconded that VFP widely promote this fund raiser and remind people to bring their check books to that event. This motion passed unanimously.

Numerous members praised the recent national convention in Asheville, NC. There was brief discussion of the Consensus vs. Roberts Rules issue. Steve talked a little about the continuing efforts with the Kellogg-Briand Pact. Dave spoke for a short time about Creative Spending Charettes. Nothing further to report on the Nielson estate update. Larry talked some about activities on Aug. 6 at the Peace Garden by Lake Harriet. The "New computer" fell flat.

Then Wayne moved to adjourn; Steve seconded and it happened.

Sec., Ron Staff