

## Minutes - Veterans for Peace

November 9, 2014

Dave, the President, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, after the traditional reading of the statement of purpose. There was a short discussion of member health issues and each member in attendance "checked-in."

Those who signed in were: Ronald E. Staff, Dave Logsdon, Craig Wood, Dick Foley, Greg Hagen, Mike Madden, Vern Hall, Barry Riesch, Larry Johnson, Steve Gates, Mary McNellis, Wayne Wittman, James Brown, Bruce Berry, Tim Hansen, Steve McKeown and Ray DeVogel.

The November minutes were approved with the amendment that the motion which follows: "Veterans for Peace, Chapter 027; supports Rasmia Odeh, condemns the government overreach in her prosecution, and stands with her supporters whose First Amendment activities have been characterized as "jury tampering" and "almost certainly illegal," was incorrectly recorded. Barry accepted the amendment to his motion and Vern seconded.

Barry moved that the Nielson Funds Committee report be included in these minutes. Steve seconded. And the motion passed.

Tim's, Treasurers Report, was approved. Mike moved and Ray seconded this action.

The Fundraising letter was discussed. The mailing mechanics were discussed. Wayne reported there are envelopes on hand. Dave agreed he would write the fund raising letter and have it ready before 12-4-2014.

Steve reported that the Arts activity in Hammond, WI was a big success and got him in touch with a number of other Veterans for Peace members, whom he knew but did not know they were also members of Veterans for Peace.

Larry reported on the Education Committee's activities with Paul Chappel, which are at hand.

School Of (the) Americas bus is ready to go; per Wayne.

The Strategic Action Committee reported by Mike aimed at how to have our actions, which make us "feel good;" could be focused in a way that might make them strategically effective.

Bruce reported on the Direct Action Committee.

Mike reported on Rasmia Odeh's rally at the May Day book store tomorrow at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee reported by Barry indicated that the committee needs to be used by the organization as intended.

Craig reported that press releases have been written and circulated.

Dave mentioned that there has been an invitation from Salvation Army to join and partner with them in their bell ringing. Dave tabled this discussion.

Wayne has agreed to verify the Election Ballot by the December meeting. Barry moved that this become the case. Ray seconded. This motion passed.

Armistice Day plans were reviewed by Wayne. Dress warmly! Bring non-perishable items for Fisher House at the Veterans Administration area.

The holiday party is at 4200 Cedar Ave. on 12-13-2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave entertained a motion to adjourn, which was moved, seconded and approved.

Ron Staff, Secretary

## VFP - TREASURER'S REPORT 10/12/14 to 11/8/14

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
10/22	Plymouth Church - printing, Chappell event	\$77.00	
10/28	Micro center - computer, monitor and memory	\$624.97	
10/31	NCLP - rent, November	\$625.00	
11/1	Mike Madden - 2014 pride event, \$100 - table	\$100.00	
11/1	Mike Madden - 2014 pride event, \$70 - product N.F.S.	\$70.00	
11/1	Office Max - Printing - 1000 tabling cards	\$58.66	
11/7	Century Link - phone and internet	\$110.10	
11/7	Wayne Wittman - printing/postage, member letter, Oct.	\$205.00	
11/7	Postmaster - bulk mailing fee, yearly permit cost	\$220.00	
11/7	Minnesota Coaches Inc. - bus rental for SOA trip	\$8,334.80	
11/7	First Unitarian Church - Chappell event workshop	\$140.00	
11/7	Donations		\$90.00
11/7	Donation - for computer parts-over \$600		\$25.00
11/7	Donation - to SOA fund		\$7,600.00
11/7	Product sale		\$70.00

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Opening accounts balance was -	\$12,258.29
Income was -	\$7,785.00
Expenses were -	\$10,565.53

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<u>TOTALS</u>	
Checking Account -	\$9,317.76
Petty Cash Account -	\$150.00
Savings Account -	\$10.00
leaving a closing balance of -	\$9,477.76