

Minutes

Veterans for Peace

October 12, 2014

President Dave Logsdon called the meeting to order at the regular time of 5:30 p.m. and began talking about the video about Jacob George, an Afghan veteran, who committed suicide on September 17. The video was watched through to its sad end. Then the traditional reading of the statement of purpose was followed by a brief moment of silent reflection. A review of health issues among members led to check-ins to get the meeting moving.

In attendance was Ron Staff, Dick Foley, Greg Hagen, Vern Hall, James Brown, Dave Logsdon, Dave Dahl, Gerald Ganann, Wayne Wittman, Larry Johnson, Craig Wood, Mike Madden, Barry Riesch and Charlie Bloss.

Barry moved and Wayne seconded approval of the September minutes, which passed.

Tim Hansen's Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Wayne, seconded by Larry and unanimously voted upon.

Mike Rygg spoke about the Veterans Power Breath Workshop which he and his wife will present free of charge to veterans from December 4 through 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday before he left the meeting.

For the Education Committee report Wayne moved that we endorse the author of Worth Fighting For, Rory Fanning's presentation at May Day Books on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Gerald seconded and the motion was approved.

Then Wayne moved and Craig seconded to pay \$314.00 towards Paul Chappel's possible expenses. These possible expenses were approved.

Strategic Action Committee presented by Greg must have been brief for this writer missed any content.

Barry talked about the Membership Committee and that there could be more done. He then sent around a sign-up sheet.

Wayne presented about Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) involvement with Paul Chappel's visit and the showing of "Beyond the Divide," at the Parkway Theater on November 9 at 2:00 p.m.

As to the SOA, Wayne says the bus is full. WAMM had a silent action. Arts reports that another bell is almost ready, I think.

Direct Action Committee reports that Bruce is in Ferguson for the protest there and was in New York with Barry at the Climate Gathering.

Wayne moved to continue the Canoe Raffle activity next year to buy and pay out \$1,500.00 for a cedar strip canoe as the prize. Gerald seconded this proposal which was approved.

Mike moved and Greg seconded that we be supportive of Meredith Aby, the head of the Anti-War Committee. This motion passed.

Gerald moved that we approve the purchase of a new computer for under \$600.00, which was seconded by Mike and approved by voice vote.

The Financial Leveraging Committee is to explain the use of the funds offered to Veterans for Peace.

Dave moved that \$300.00 be expended to purchase books at May Day Book Store to be distributed in little free libraries. Mike seconded, and following some discussion the motion was passed.

The Armistice Day celebration at the First Shot Memorial has been set up by Wayne. Larry has agreed to MC and there are speakers scheduled for the 10:30 a.m. activity. Bells will be rung.

The Wave Project is underway. James endorsed his experience at the retreat near Two Harbors.

Barry moved that we pay the website manager for his activity. The site manager himself was conflicted about it. So the motion was tabled.

Christmas party discussion settled on 12-13-2014.

Dave moved adjournment, and without a second everyone agreed.

Ronald E. Staff, Sec.

VFP - TREASURER'S REPORT 9/17/14 to 10/11/14

<u>OPENING BALANCE - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts</u>		<u>\$13,906.74</u>
<u>EXPENSE</u>	Dave Logsdon - Raffle dinner expense, \$50 space, \$30 drinks	\$80.00
	NCLP - rent, October	\$625.00
	SOAWATCH - SOA event, table cost	\$325.00
	Century Link - phone and internet	\$109.97
	Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, 905, XVIII #2	\$882.00
	Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, postage	\$118.82
	Steve McKeown - Raffle dinner food	\$80.00
	Wayne Wittman - printing/postage, member letter, Sept.	\$197.00
	Total	\$2,417.79
<u>INCOME</u>	Raffle tickets - 2014	\$182.00
	Donations	\$300.00

Donation - <i>for PA system</i>	\$200.00
Donation - <i>to SOA fund</i>	\$25.00
Product sale	\$70.00
Total	\$777.00

CLOSING BALANCE - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts **\$12,265.95**

SOA RELATED INCOME and EXPENCE

(part of checking balance)

<u>INCOME</u>	Funds from 2013 SOA using for expense in 2014	\$1,589.67
	Reservations, Donations, Scholarships	\$3,240.00
	Total	<u>\$4,829.67</u>
<u>EXPENSE</u>	SOA - <i>Scholarship allotment</i>	\$260.00
	SOA Watch - <i>tabling fee</i>	\$325.00
	Total	<u>\$585.00</u>