

Minutes, Veterans for Peace Chapter 27 September 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, David Logsdon, at the local office on Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, MN shortly after the scheduled time of 6:00 p.m. The statement of purpose was read. Then there was a moment of silence after Dave pointed out the 1966 "Life" magazine which was available for viewing by members during the meeting. A bell rang us into and out of our meditative moment.

Everyone did a check-in before we heard from various members about health conditions in our aging veteran population (It is true we are getting older -no other useful choice- !).

Then the minutes were approved with the modification that there had been no "major hat passing" at the bridge and none had been planned as the secretary incorrectly noted. Wayne moved this approval with Mary's second.

The Treasurer's report was deferred due to Tim's absence and Ray asked that anyone who gets and opens mail leave checks with the opened envelopes.

Larry reported on Paul Chappell's visit November 14-20. Then he reminded us that the Education Committee meets in these same offices 9-25-14 at 2 p.m.

At this point Steve McKeown reported on the showing of "Beyond the Divide" at the Park Way theater on Chicago Avenue. The movie, which was shown at the National Convention in Asheville, NC, is scheduled for 11-9-14.

Barry discussed advertising options for expanding the Membership. He reported he would get back to the Chapter with some cost figures at the next meeting.

Wayne and Mary reported the SOA bus is full. Wayne moved and Ray seconded that any excess money from the trip be committed to the SOA Watch. The motion passed.

Barry moved and Mike seconded that the Chapter pay to "table" during the activities at the protest. The motion passed.

Mary, our representative to MAP mentioned their "every church a peace church" program.

Bruce said that there has not been any effort put into fund raising for Art, as there had been in the past. After all, it was a "grant," which brought about the bell-casting activity, and has provided the organization with numerous bells for the ""eleven bells" ceremonies. Where do we go from here?

Greg's Strategic Action Committee (SAC) report was deferred.

The canoe raffle drawing will be held at 6:00 p.m. 9-20-2014 at the WAMM office, 4200 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Then there was some discussion about the press referring to "drone strikes" as "air strikes" due to the lower negative public reaction to "air strikes." And it is noteworthy that this new method of killing people has already attained such negative distinction. Is there some hope for the body politic?

Mike reported there was going to be a silent action when WAMM brings Kathy Kelly to speak at St. Jones.

Tim said the Anti War Committee had attended a State Retirement Board meeting and attempted to get them to de-vest in Israel due to Palestinian issues. The Board's decision was deferred until their next meeting in three months.

Dave sent around a sign-up sheet for an October retreat north of Two Harbors the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Contact him for more scoop.

Wayne moved, Mike seconded and it was passed that the Chapter provide \$50.00 for the Hollyland Restaurant for the food at the raffle drawing.

Then Mike moved, Vern seconded and it was passed that the Chapter pursue Armistice Day activities.

Discussion of the \$20,000.00 estate offer to be used to buy a nice "Peace Bus," or invest in another building in Friendship Village near Hanoi, Vietnam, or some other way to fulfill the terms of the conditions on the estate gift went on for some time. Dave thought discussion could continue during the retreat near Two Harbors next month. No final decision was reached.

Wayne moved, Ray seconded and it was passed to get a thousand Paul Chappell fliers printed up. Wayne said he would use a six hundred in his mailing and the rest could be put up around the towns.

Bruce moved and Vern seconded for Adjournment. It was passed.

VFP - TREASURER'S REPORT 8/10/14 to 9/16/14

<u>OPENING BALANCE - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts</u>		<u>\$11,562.86</u>
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
	Shell oil - gas purchase - J Sherman	\$25.00
	NCLP - rent, September	\$625.00
	Wayne Wittman - printing/postage, member letter, August.	\$158.13
	Century Link - phone and internet (reimburse-Ray DeVogle)	\$109.99
	Steve McKeown - Kellogg / Briand - copies	\$13.00
	KFAI - donation	\$200.00
	Total	\$1,131.12
<u>INCOME</u>		
	Raffle tickets - 2014	\$712.00
	Donations	\$613.00
	Donation - In memory of Elmer Zoff	\$100.00
	Donation - to KFAI radio	\$200.00
	Product sale	\$75.00
	SOA - Reservations- 2014	\$1,775.00
		\$3,475.00
	Total	\$3,475.00
<u>CLOSING BALANCE - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts</u>		<u>\$13,906.47</u>