

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter #027

October 12, 2016

President Dave Logsdon called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and asked John to read the Statement of Purpose. Health updates on members included Larry's report that he had seen John Sherman, yesterday. With just eight in attendance check-in's of our military experiences went quickly.

In attendance were: John Varone, Vern Hall, Charlie H. Bloss, Larry Johnson, Dick Foley, Dave Logsdon, Steve McKeown and Ron Staff.

Dick moved the approval of the September Minutes, Charlie seconded and the motion passed.

John presented the August Treasurer's Report, which he noted had been audited by a CPA acquaintance. Vern moved it's acceptance, Dick seconded and this motion passed. Then John presented the September Treasurer's Report. Charlie moved acceptance of this report, seconded by Vern and passed.

Dave passed by the Membership item on the agenda and went to Larry's report on the Education Committee. Armistice Day bell ringing events here at 4200 Cedar call for donuts and coffee. For those purchases John moved \$175.00, Larry seconded and this motion passed. There are a number of events November 10 (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hamline University, Room 100 E, Giddens Learning Center and 7:30 -8:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Society 900 Mount Curve – parking at the Walker Art Center) and November 11 (10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at 4200 Cedar Avenue South. WAMM and VFP office and that evening at St. Catherine University and Britt's Pub plus the activities in Mankato, which Mike Madden has agreed to attend as our representative). Dick told of three mornings talking to high school students. Ron said he and his wife, Paula, were at the Minnesota Humanities Center's four week discussion entitled, "Echoes of War; War and Remembrance," which had begun their discussions with a fine example of how to do propaganda in our democracy from a piece printed in the Washington Post back in 2013. Steve reported on his and Ron's afternoon last Friday with Macalester College students.

For the Communications Committee Dave said he and Barry had spoken with a "party" about handling scoop on the web site and that they would have a more complete report next month.

Vern and Dave were at Nogales, AZ along with Mary McNellis and Stephen Gates, for the (SOA Watch direct action). Vern said there were more than a 1,000 people and that it was great to reconnect with former local VFPer Frank Jents, who now resides in that area. He said that the gathering in Mexico had no concerns with authorizations, but that the same could not be said for the United States side of the border ("land of the free").

During Direction Action discussions Dave said Barry Risch, Craig Wood and Bruce Berry are out at Standing Rock again. Steve mentioned that Tom White is still putting out the little 3X5 cards with the facts about military spending, which can always be gotten to hand out in a crowd.

MAP Committee discussion about the Peace Essay Contest for which Larry has been the ramrod, brought a motion from Charlie that this chapter contribute \$500.00 towards their prize money and challenge other peace and justice organizations to add the amounts they can. Steve seconded. The motion passed.

Dave, speaking for the Bus Committee, said they had nothing to report. He did say there was some sustainability discussion and that Dick was going to look into insurance costs. Also where to park it is not currently clear.

Dave said that National Executive Director, Mike McPherson, would be in town soon to “flesh out” 2018 convention issues.

Reordering the agenda, Dave commented about how nice the peace pole event was here earlier.

Fundraising Committee noted the conclusion of the canoe raffle. Also, the holiday fundraising letter, will go out following the next meeting.

People began to leave the meeting.

Under New Business job descriptions for the various offices in the organization were first out of the chute and John said that we could go over what he has gathered at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Larry moved that we donate \$100.00 to KFAI. Charlie seconded and this motion passed.

Drone quilt project got a pass.

The Brian Wilson film screening will be decided at the next meeting.

“Where do we invade next,” Michael More's film, will be shown at the Casket Arts building.

Dave noted that the “Retreat” in Two Harbors was “wonderful.”

The WAMM silent auction is 10-23-2016. Be there, we have a table (maybe).

Charlie moved to adjourn, Vern seconded and without a voice vote it happened.

Ron Staff, Secretary