

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

8-10-2016

Vice President Mike called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and asked Treasurer, John, to read the Statement of Purpose. Health updates were heard on John Sherman and Pat Downie. The passing of Anishinaabe elder and Vietnam veteran Jim Northrup was noted. A couple of his poems were read.

Small attendance due to the National Convention beginning tomorrow in Berkeley included: Ron Staff, Bruce Berry, Mike Madden, John Varone and Steve McKeown.

John moved the approval of the July Minutes, Bruce seconded and this motion passed.

John presented the Treasurer's Report. Our income exceeded our expenses, which is good. Ron moved acceptance of the report. Bruce seconded and it was accepted. John was quite happy with the current division of labor with him mailing in all checks and Dave Logsdon taking cash to the bank. He said the non-profit report was done and that he thought the Post Office was "straight."

Mike moved us right along to Committee reports.

Since there was no one on hand for the Membership Committee, there was no report.

Steve talked about the Education Committee activities. He reported an up coming book promotional tour. On Sunday, August 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Dr. Mark Nickerson will be talking about his book, The Wounds Within at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Dr. Nickerson is in town for the Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing International Association annual conference and has added this event for local veterans.

For the Fundraising Committee Mike noted the last Canoe Raffle event in front of Bethany Church on Franklin during "Open Streets" (Sunday, 8-21-2016).

Under Communications Committee Mike noted that we seem to have a number of different mailing lists for various functions and that it would be nice to get that all organized. No one leaped up to volunteer (we must have learned a lesson somewhere). Mike admitted failure at learning the E-Blast program, which he thought might be self teaching. He said it was not. No word from John on the web site. Tim is still reaching out for any new members with their contact scoop being needed in order to get the member letter as widely spread as possible.

For the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) Committee report Bruce said the Nagasaki/Hiroshima event was well attended with he thought between 75 and a 100 people there.

Bruce said there was a rally held by the Anti-War group at May Day Plaza as the report for the Direct Action Committee.

No reports from the Arts, Executive, Convention or Bus Committees.

Under New Business Mike noted that there will be a full report from the Convention Committee when

Dave and Barry get back from the National Convention.

Remembrance of the Kellogg Briand treaty will be celebrated with the dedication of the Peace Pole on August 27 here at 4200 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ron moved that we provide \$100.00 toward the food for this event. Steve seconded and this motion passed.

It was noted that there is still time to e-mail Dave about the Fall Retreat at Two Harbors.

As to whether the group was into parading the Drone Quilt Project around or doing something with the Climate Blimp was not deeply discussed (kind of barely mentioned).

It was noted that Dave Logsdon has talked about going to the Beyond War Conference in September in Washington, D.C.

As far as the office reorganization, John did stop by well before the meeting and did a mountain of paper work by Mike's report.

Barry has suggested doing a memorial service for Jim Northrup along with the Canoe Raffle drawing September 17.

It was reported that Chante Wolff would be at Echoes of War: Fall Discussion Series 2016 hosted by the Minnesota Humanities Center. Ron Staff is also registered.

The meeting was adjourned near to 8:30 p.m. as planned.

Ron Staff, Secretary