

Minutes

Veterans for Peace, Chptr #027

January 11, 2015

Dave L. opened the meeting at about 5:35 p.m. and Mary read the statement of purpose. Dave used his check-in to comment, positively, about the strategy meeting the Saturday before last. Others covered a wide range of topics, which reflect the broad experience of members. Charlie Bloss has been in and out of the hospital. And John Sherman's situation is unclear to those at the meeting.

In attendance at this meeting were: Ronald E. Staff, Barry Riesch, Tim Hansen, Wayne Wittman, Bruce Berry, Dave Logsdon, Mary McNellis, Steve Gates, Steve McKeown, Mike Madden and David Cooley.

Approval of the December Minutes was discussed. Tim H. moved approval as written, seconded by Wayne W., which was passed.

Wayne W. moved acceptance of his Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mike and unanimously approved.

Barry R. reported on the Membership committee. He said with his retirement completed he expects to be doing more about attracting others. Steve McK. mentioned how he had been attracted to the group by the fact that a letter to the editor reported the existence of the group. We will be tabling at Augsburg College on Thursday, January 15. There are a lot of recent veterans, who are register there so there maybe some growth possibilities.

Education Committee report by Steve McK. noted some of the schools where we have presented. And Dave promoted that we should all be always seeking opportunities for us to get into schools.

Fundraising letters could well be sent to churches. Barry would also like to have our Veterans for Peace products on our web site.

Communications Committee will seek to have Greg expand our web site with both our minutes and treasurer' reports to increase our transparency. Further discussion circled around computer production issues. Mike moved to authorize Tim \$100.00 to buy a scanner or a scanner/printed. This was seconded by Barry. The motion passed.

Mike reported on meetings with the locate Federal Representatives; which we hope were well received.

Wayne and Mary reported on the School of the Americas (SOA) and further discussion about who would be sending buses. Wayne W. moved that we commit to sending another bus to the School of the Americas rally November 2015. Seconded by Mike M. and passed.

Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers report was given by Mary.

Bruce reported on the twenty-four hour "Drone Not Drones" musical event January 30 and 31 at the Cedar Cultural Center.

Arts Committee with Steve did not have much to report.

Dave mentioned the need for a calendar of our annual events so that we can get involved with other organizations as they plan their year.

Discussion about the Neilson Bequest did not go well. The original check has been deposited for half of the \$20,000.00 that was offered. Dave is inquiring about the second check.

Discussion of getting an Intern would necessitate someone to supervise that person. Barry offered to be the supervisor.

Dave mentioned that Tech Tutorials are still needed.

Steve sought information about the bells to include with our letter to the Pope to seek his blessing of our activities to facilitate our getting into Catholic schools.

Mary moved that we spend a \$100.00 to print folders with scoop about our organization and chapter; seconded by Wayne and passed.

The meeting then adjourned.

Ron Staff, Sec.

VFP - TREASURER'S REPORT 12/14/14 to 1/9/1

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
12/12	Dave Logsdon - Holoday party, food, drinks	\$363.94	
12/27	Steve McKeown - Kellogg / Briand - banners, ten	\$90.00	
12/31	NCLP - rent, January	\$625.00	
1/8	Wayne Wittman - printing/postage, member letter, Dec.	\$179.35	
1/8	Postmaster - load to our "returns" account	\$50.00	
1/8	Century Link - phone and internet	\$110.92	
1/8	Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, postage	\$113.85	
1/8	Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, 908, XVIII #3	\$876.36	
1/8	University of St.Thomas - SOA refund	\$520.00	
1/8	St. Joseph Workers - SOA refund	\$40.00	
1/8	Correction to check 5990 - was \$176.63 corrected to \$173.63		\$3.00
1/8	Donations		\$4,662.82
1/8	SOA - Reservations- 2014		\$700.00
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	Opening accounts balance was -		\$4,481.31
	Income was -		\$5,365.82
	Expenses were -	\$2,969.42	
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	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	Checking Account -		\$6,717.71
	Petty Cash Account -		\$150.00
	Savings Account -		\$10.00
	leaving a closing balance of -		\$6,877.71
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NIELSEN ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
9/19	Deposit - of one half the bequest 5/11/14 Minutes - "If/when the funds come they will be put into an escrow account until a plan is in place to make sure our actions are within parameters of the bequest." No withdrawals will be made before such time.		\$10,000.00