



VETERANS FOR PEACE, CHAPTER 27
1806 Riverside Ave. #3A
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Minutes of Meeting – APPROVED 9-13-15 August 9, 2015

Attendance (for some or all of the meeting): Dick Foley, Dave Logsdon, Steve Axelson, Andrew Henderson, Vern Hall, Barry Riesch, Pat Reisenger, Mary McNellis, Stephen Gates, Steve McKeown.

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Logsdon, with the VFP Statement of Purpose read by Dick Foley followed by introductions by attendees who came and left periodically.

Secretary's report: Ron Staff had an excused absence from meeting. Minutes from July 12th were neither reviewed nor approved.

Treasurer's report: with the absence of Treasurer Wayne Wittman (still in transit from San Diego) no formal report was submitted, and since the lights were on and we were still in the building it was assumed we still had money in the bank. We sold \$ 500 of canoe raffle tickets at the Lake Street Festival with thanks to Scott Cramer from Northern Sun Merchandising for allowing us to table in front of his store. We also sold \$900 of merchandise at the National Convention. Plans are being made for the canoe raffle on Sep 19. Dave is going to check out the possibility of getting Iraq veteran Emily Yates to perform around the same time.

Communications and speaking: Larry Johnson will be speaking Aug 12 at 8:30 at the African café diagonally across the street from our office. Larry and Steve McKeown were on Don Olson's KFAI's radio show, and Steve, Dave Logsdon, and Craig Woods were on Suburban Cable TV. Roy Wolff was on Don Olson's show for the Aug 6 Hiroshima remembrance, and Larry emceed the annual Peace Garden Aug 6 event. Larry will also be in New Jersey for a storytelling event. Jim Lovestar is contacting the Mann theatres via Screen Vision to let them know that unless they eliminate their recruiting at theatres will be pursuing a petition.

Education: The Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers will be announcing the rules of the Leslie Reindl Peace Essay contest. VFP members are encouraged to contact their local schools for more of us to get into classes.

Kellogg Briand: Steve has contacted the U.S. Post Office to see if the Pact can once again be hung up. In 1930 at the request of the Postmaster General to the Society for the Prevention of War over 49,000 copies were made and displayed. Today there are only 30,000 post offices and the Consumer Representative told Steve that the Legal Dpt said no citing a regulation that posters had to be authorized, something that Steve said that was what we were asking for. In any event we will be contacting the Postmaster General to ask when was the initial authorization voided, and where is the authorization for the Selective Service to be found that displays its literature stating that "registering for the Draft is the Law!". We are also going to follow up with the Mpls Mayor's office to see if the letter we wrote to Pope Francis along with a Kellogg Briand donation was delivered to him when she went to the Vatican to meet with him.

Additionally, some of us may be going to the Kellogg Briand Peace Essay Awards Banquet with Kathy Kelly and David Swanson speaking in Lombard, IL on August 27th. (See <http://warisacrime.org/content/join-me-and-kathy-kelly-chicago-87th-anniversary-kellogg-briand-pact>)

Volunteer opportunities

This Sunday Aug 16 we will be tabling and selling tickets in front of Bethany Lutheran for the Franklin Av Celebration from 11 to 5....volunteers needed.

The Landmark Center in St Paul is showing some exhibits/film on Hiroshima and Nagasaki beginning Aug 22 til Nov. They have asked for our help because they can't have the exhibits be left unattended. There will be a training session Aug 19 from 9 AM til noon for this. The hours are flexible and can be relatively short. Steve M and Larry have committed already, and some others are interested. The more we have from our group the more we could fill in for each other along with the good outreach that this provides for on this important issue. FFI: 952 261 3891

Other Topics

Dave is going to contact the St Paul Saints regarding the Nagasaki Mayor's throwing out the first pitch on August 22.

Andrew spoke about a friend of his who is in the National Guard who is interested in VFP.

A flyer was passed around regarding the three Iowa chapters of VFP announcing a nine-city tour of Iowa by former FBI agent and whistle blower Coleen Rowley and retired CIA analyst Ray McGovern beginning Thursday, Sept. 24, entitled "The Truth Shall Make You Free". A schedule will be forthcoming in our newsletter. In the meantime check out: <http://www.veteransforpeace.org/who-we-are/member-highlights/2015/07/31/vfp-iowa-chapters-sponsor-mcgovern-rowley-tour> See also: <http://www.blogforiowa.com/2015/07/30/rowley-mcgovern-iowa-speaking-tour/>

Event overviews

National Convention: Our chapter had 10 members who attended the 30th annual Convention which was held in San Diego. This will be in our newsletter, but with the exception of the lengthy banquet it was reported to have been one of the better ones with 350 to 400 in attendance. Next year it will be on the Berkeley, CA campus. August 10 - 14? A new chapter was formed in Tijuana, and one is being formed in Okinawa.

Peacestock: Comments were that it was a good event, especially Andrew's Militarization film. Dr Hansen's promotion of nuclear power was very questionable for some.

River Falls: Our participation in their annual parade with Duluth/Superior Chapter 80's "No more war" float was successful mostly due to the efforts by Mary McNellis (a UW-River Falls alumnus).

We sang Happy Birthday to Larry Johnson via speakerphone. He had the audacity to miss the mtg.

The meeting was adjourned before we could argue about any resolutions.

Minutes submitted by Steve McKeown who thought he was through doing this years ago, and in the absence of Ron Staff was forced out of retirement.

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 Treasurer`s Report
 August 2015 - APPROVED

8-1-2015 checking, petty cash, and savings \$5,987.32

Check #	date	payee	purpose	amount
5670	8-4	Café building	rent	\$625.00
5671	8-4	Century Link	Tec service	\$111.80
5672	8-4	DNR	merchandise	\$726.75
5673	8-4	Kortes	postage raffle tic	\$35.50
5674	8-10	Greg Hagen	Website hosting	\$36.00
5675	8-21	UofM print shop	printing ML	\$56.60
5676	8-25	postage ML	USPS	\$82.49
5677	8-25	UofM print shop	printing ML	\$31.25
5678	8-31	Kortes	postage raffle	\$28.40
Total				\$1,733.79

Income

SOA bus	\$310.00
Product sales	\$918.00
Donation	\$143.99
Raffle ticket sales Lake Street	\$564.00
Raffle ticket sales Franklin	\$551.00
Raffle tickets mail	\$549.00
Total	\$3,035.99

$\$5,987.32 + \$3,035.99 = \$9,023.31 - \$1,733.79 = \$7,289.52$

Nielsen building fund balance \$10,004.77