

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

11 January 2017

President Dave Logsdon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked David to read the Statement of Purpose. The moment of silence followed. The health of number of veterans were reviewed. Dave modeled abbreviated check-ins and his example was followed.

In attendance were: David Cooley, Barry Riesch, Dave Logsdon, Larry Johnson, Steve McKeown, Vern Hall, Ron Staff and Mike Madden.

Barry moved approval of the December 2016 minutes; David seconded and the motion passed.

Dave noted that there was no Treasurers Report on hand for this meeting, but he noted that the holiday/end-of-the-year financial appeal has been bringing in money and that just one of those amounts was \$1,000.00. He also reported that the current balance in the account was over \$15,000.00.

Dave reported that he thought the lightly attended planning session went well and that a number of new members were on hand.

Barry reported for the Membership Committee. He said the holiday season brought in a few additional members and that he was planning to track them down for a coffee date to see what their interests were and how they would like to participate. Everyone seemed to think that the organization will grow in the near future.

As co-chairs of the Education Committee both Larry and Steve were on hand. Larry handed out the topics and guidelines for the 2nd Annual Leslie Reindl Peace Essay Contest (First Place-\$1,000.00; Second Place-\$750.00; Third Place-\$500.00). The dead line is February 28 this year. Steve announced there would be an Education Committee meeting at his house on Wednesday, 1-18-2017, from 6:30 p.m. He said it would be less than two hours. The main topic would be organizing the speakers bureau. Steve said that "The Things They Carried" would be presented by the Minnesota History Theater from February 13th to the 23rd.

For the Direct Action Committee the "Resist" activities were noted as well as Martin Luther King holiday events everywhere around town. Mike told about his interactions with Representative McCollum's office and wondering about further steps.

Dave noted Penny's actions for the Convention Committee and mentioned that the Bus Committee had not met. The Communications Committee merely noted that Mike was willing to stop being Vice President if we could find someone to do web work, who also wanted to be VP as part of that deal.

Dave repeated that funds were flowing in from the holiday appeal. Larry noted that his time on the leadership of Minnesota Alliance of PeaceMakers was about done, so we would no longer have his voice on that body.

New business focused on how to honor Dan Galagher, who recently passed away, in Missoula, Montana. The sense of the group was to look for opportunities to help with getting "Beyond The

Divide” aired on public television nationally. Many members had good relations with him and miss his presence. He was probably one of the few American Legion officials who felt like they could speak with this organization. Especially since they had been outed by Bill Mauldin in his book, Back Home in 1947, seventy years ago.

Ron Staff, Secretary