

CORRECTIONS: ** The October minutes incorrectly stated that Dr. Matar was a leader in the group Freedom Road Socialist. This was incorrect Dr. Matar is a leader in the Syrian American Forum and has no affiliation with the Freedom Road Socialist group.

Dr. Matar was being discussed in relation to a requested endorsement of an upcoming event at which he was the featured speaker.

QUOTES:

* “They have always taught and trained you to believe it to be your patriotic duty to go to war and to have yourselves slaughtered at their command. But in all the history of the world you, the people, have never had a voice in declaring war, and strange as it certainly appears, no war by any nation in any age has ever been declared by the people”.

~ **Eugene Debs, American Politician (1855-1926)**

* “War is delightful to those who have NOT experienced it.”

~ **Desiderius Erasmus, German Humanist (1466-1536)**

BOOK Suggestion: * “*The Whimp Factor: Gender Gaps, Holy Wars, & The Politics of Anxious Masculinity*” Stephen J. Ducat

* “*Transforming A Rape Culture*” Edited by Emilie Buchwald; Pamela Fletcher; Martha Roth

5 p.m. EXECUTIVE MEETING - November 10th, 2013

Attending: Larry Johnson, Wayne Wittman, Dave Logsdon, Greg Hagen, Chante Wolf, Mary McNellis, Steve Gates, John Sherman, Andy Berman, Terry Burke, Molly Culligan.

2014 Call for Officer Nominations: Discussed bringing to the General meeting about getting a committee together for nominations. Tim’s name was mentioned as being on the committee before. John Sherman, Wayne Wittman agreed to be on the nominations committee and will contact Tim Hansen.

Chapter History at the MN Historical Society: David Kelleher has invited us to participate in giving our history documents and has invited us to keep a relationship going.

Dave Culver Speaking: Cretin Durham invited VFP to speak again and contacted Dave Culver. There was concern that since he was no longer a member of our chapter, that he should not go and speak as a member of VFP, but rather Evergreen Digest. All was worked out and Dick Foley was contacted for speaking as well.

Don Irish Letter: Don sent some information from FNVW concerning the mentoring of detainees who have been detained at Guantanamo. Larry passed the information on to Steve McKeown and felt that the Center For The Victims of Torture already deals with that issue. No further action taken.

Executive Meeting Questions: Do we keep doing it? Change time/day? For the time being, **Executive Meeting is discontinued UFN** and the **general meeting time will start at 5:30pm**, 2nd Sunday of the month. This can come back to at a later time, nothing is written in stone.

Holiday Party: 4200 Cedar Ave. Sunday, December 15th, 6pm at WAMM conference office. POT LUCK, Vern Hall, Wes Davey will be cooking their items there, as there is a nice large kitchen. Music will be furnished. Barry Riesch was going to contact Sara Thompson to see if she would perform. No further information.

December 2014 Christmas Truce: This year will be the 100th anniversary of the 1914 Christmas Truce during WWI. <http://www.1914.org/podcasts/podcast-9-the-christmas-truce> does our chapter want to do something for this 100th anniversary next year?

Retreat Follow-Up: Barry Wants to Happen in December?

PeaceStock Evaluation/New Ideas Meeting: Just a note: The money we voted on really needed to go through the Finance Committee. Now we need to know if we are going to continue with this event and help make plans that include more local people, etc. Right now we are looking for an early December meeting. Not sure at this point what would be the best, now or after the holidays. Looking more to January date. Larry will get with Bill Habedank to schedule and announcement will be made on that time/location and date.

Syrian Information: Larry suggested that a gathering of people who have differing points of view gather and acknowledge that we do make change and for not only that to be celebrated, but to come to terms on the various differences of opinions. We can not get any change to happen when there is bickering amongst ourselves. Larry will coordinate this for sometime in January. The hope is to get folks from WAMM, Anti-War Committee, VFP, Andy Berman and Terry Burke, Steve McKeown etc. It is vitally important that our groups work towards a cohesive movement and get through all the disagreements. Larry will try to also get FNVW to join the meeting.

**** LAST EXEC Meeting until further notice. ****

Meeting Adjourned ---

THANK YOU BARRY RIESCH FOR PUTTING THE MOVIE: "Ghosts of JeJu" TOGETHER!!!

6 p.m. GENERAL MEETING

Attending: Larry Johnson, Dave Logsdon, Wayne Wittman, Greg Hagen, Molly Culligan, Chante Wolf, John Sherman, Mary McNellis, Steve Gates, Andy Berman, Terry Burke, Wes Davey & Joey the Peace Dog, Elaine Wynne, Bruce Barry, Ray DeVogel, Steve McKeown, Lee Eklund.

Call to Order and Statement of Purpose - Read by: Vern Hall.

Check-in: Short introduction, check in.

Member Welfare: Andy Berman said that he is still cancer free and is present in the meeting. No other reporting.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Report above.

REPORTS:

Secretary-Last Months Minutes: Moved to accept - second - passed.

Treasurer: Moved to accept - second - passed. Attached below. Motion passed to: THANK YOU TIM for your OUTSTANDING contribution as our Treasurer!! KUDOS.

Armistice Day: Bell ringing at the First Shot, 10:30, bell to ring at 11 am and speakers from 9/11 Truth, Jack Nelson-Palmeyer, Wayne Wittman and Larry Johnson. Britt's Pub, "Partners in Peace, an Armistice Day Commemoration" will begin at 6 pm in the Club Room. Event is free, all are welcome to attend, 1110 Nicollet Mall, Mpls. At the Sister's of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Nov. 11th, at 6:30pm there is an annual event around peace and justice. Jim Steinhagen will be participating.

NOTE: Larry received an email from Sherri Long in Westhampton, MA: "Last year my church, the Westhampton Congregational Church, at my behest on behalf of Veterans For Peace, rang our bell in solidarity and asked our community to stand in silence to reflect the 'true' meaning of Armistice Day. To my surprise, there were 10 church members who joined me in ringing the bell. I plan on doing the same this year to thank our veterans and to spread the word of world peace."

KFAI WAVE Project: Very successful project, thanks also to Lydia Howell for producing and always being our supporter. Steve McKeown talked about the Kellogg/Briand and Armistice Day and was also interviewed for the Central Florida VFP chapter, Phil Restino radio show yesterday. Steve also talked with Phil's wife who is a member of Code Pink and they are trying to restore the Mother's Day : Motion submitted by Steve McKeown: "Be it moved that VFP, Chapter 27 pursue what interest may be generated with WAMM and others, to educate the public about the origins of Mother's Day." Second. Passed. {SEE BELOW FOR DESCRIPTION OF THAT DAY}

School Outreach Other: Wes Davey, remembrance of Vietnam 40 years later, Tuesday evening, Nov., 12th from 7-9pm at Macalester -Plymouth Congregational Church. Chante talked at St. Cloud State, Steve & Larry spoke at Holy Angels high school. Bruce Barry is going to go to the Drone workshop in Washington, D.C.

Newsletter: WE NEED MORE HELP !! Please join the committee, good connections and great articles. They put out a quarterly newsletter that entails the initial meeting to set the articles, invite guest writers and the proofing and mailing dates. Please if you have any interest in writing, please contact Steve McKeown ~ 612-869-2040. Events for newsletter get to Frank Fuller ASAP as the newsletter will be in the mail the 21st of November. Contact Steve.

MAP: No General meeting this month, will happen next month. December 10th, meeting will happen from 11:30-1:30, let Marie Braun ~ {612-275-2720} know if you are planning on attending so they can provide food.

EVENT: The Veterans Play Project: November 15th-24th with a preview Nov., 14th. Performed at Base Camp, on the grounds of Ft. Snelling. Presented by Mixed Blood, in Partnership with the Minnesota Humanities Center. Created by Footprints Collective in Collaboration with Minnesota Veterans. <http://www.mixedblood.com>

Fundraising: Ready to get our next mailing out, need help with folding and labeling, Tues., November 26th, 6 pm at MayDay Books. Please let John Sherman know if you are interested: 612-339-3898.

Finance Committee: Table until next month.

Holiday Party: Suggested to bring in Sara Thomson to sing at our party. Tribute and farewell to Larry as president. Possibility of having it on a Sunday and reserve the same place at WAMM. Should we

have an Ad Hoc committee put together for planning the party? Steve asked. Vern volunteered to make his gumbo. Pot luck suggestion. Wes volunteered to cook also and a list was sent around.

Nominations for 2014 Executive Officers: Email to be sent out with requests for nominations and job descriptions by 5 November to Larry Johnson. See above.

SOA: Bus is full, turning people away! Thank you Mary McNellis for all her hard work. Others that helped were WAMM and Pepperwolf.

Bell Making Meeting: We have 6 veteran members meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays to get our bells made. Gita initiated the grant request and now we are learning how to make, moving towards a March event with some historical context about bells and their usage. World Story Telling Day will coincide with the bell event. It is an event that happens in 30-40 other countries that do something similar on the same date.

Movies: "Move to Amend"; "Drone Wars"; "Ghosts of JeJu" some are online and other comments were about where and when to show them. Are we just showing them to ourselves or are we going to expand to the community? Bruce Barry will work with Greg and Dave.

Ultimate Wellness: Timberwolf Tickets: \$3,000 scholarships for alternative healing efforts for veterans, they are getting recognized and have tickets available for veterans interested in going. Contact Larry: 612-747-3904.

Office Hours: Dave is looking for people to donate a 2 hour volunteer time from Monday through Thursday. Contact Dave Logsdon: 612-203-9768.

Events: See listing below for additional events.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Chante Wolf. chantewolf7@gmail.com (Any corrections, please bring to next meeting and they will be addressed in the minutes).

Mother's Day ~ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother%27s_Day

“The United States celebrates Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. In 1872 [Julia Ward Howe](#) called for women to join in support of disarmament and asked for 2 June 1872, to be established as a "Mother's Day for Peace".^[6] Her 1870 "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world" is sometimes referred to as [Mother's Day Proclamation](#). But Howe's day was not for honoring mothers but for organizing pacifist mothers against war. In the 1880s and 1890s there were several further attempts to establish an American "Mother's Day", but these did not succeed beyond the local level.^[6] The current [holiday](#) was created by [Anna Jarvis](#) in [Grafton, West Virginia](#) in 1908 as a day to honor one's mother.^[9] Jarvis wanted to accomplish her mother's dream of making a celebration for all mothers, although the idea did not take off until she enlisted the services of wealthy Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker, who celebrated it on 8 May 1910 in Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA of which he was the founder. In a letter to the pastor, she said it was, "our first Mother's Day".^[99] Jarvis kept promoting the holiday until President Woodrow Wilson made the day an official national holiday in 1914.^[6] The holiday eventually became so highly commercialized that many, including its founder, Anna Jarvis, considered it a "[Hallmark holiday](#)," *i.e.* one with an overwhelming commercial purpose. Jarvis eventually ended up opposing the holiday she had helped to create.^{[9][67]} This economic modernization was inspired by US models and was sponsored by the state. She died in 1948, regretting what had become of her holiday.^[99] In the United States, Mother's Day remains one of the biggest days for sales of flowers, greeting cards, and the like; Mother's Day is also the biggest holiday for long-distance telephone calls.^[100] Moreover, [churchgoing](#) is also popular on Mother's Day, yielding the highest [church attendance](#) after Christmas Eve and Easter.^[101] Many worshipers celebrate the day with [carnations](#), colored if the mother is living and white if she is dead.^[101]

Commercialization^[edit]

“Nine years after the first official United States Mother's Day, commercialization of the holiday became so rampant that [Anna Jarvis](#) herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become and spent all her inheritance and the rest of her life fighting what she saw as an abuse of the celebration.^[9]

“Later commercialization and other exploitations of Mother's Day infuriated Jarvis and she made her criticisms explicitly known the rest of her life.^{[9][102]} She criticized the practice of purchasing greeting cards, which she saw as a sign of being too lazy to write a personal letter. She was arrested in 1948 for disturbing the peace while protesting against the commercialization of Mother's Day, and she finally said that she regretted having started it.^[102]

“Mother's Day continues to be one of the most commercially successful U.S. occasions.

“It is possible that the holiday would have withered over time without the support and continuous promotion of the florist industries and other commercial industries. Other Protestant holidays from the same time, such as [Children's Day](#) and [Temperance Sunday](#), do not have the same level of popularity.^[103] Mother's Day is also prominent in the Sunday [comic strips](#) in the newspapers of the United States, expressing emotions ranging from sentimental to wry to caustic.”