

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

July 9, 2017

President Dave Logsdon rang a bell at 6:16 p.m. calling the meeting to order and initiating a moment of silence.

Ray read the Statement of Purpose.

Health Updates noted the death of Tom Dooley. His life long commitment to our purpose from even before the organization was noted. John Sherman's move to the Soldiers Home out by Minnehaha Falls was noted. The suggestion to call before going to visit is so that staff at the home can make sure that he is available.

In attendance were: Penny Gardner, Lyle Steinfeldt, Craig Wood, Barry Reisch, David Cooley, Ray Ruthenberg, Dave Logsdon, Mike Madden, John MacLeod, Bill Habedank, Steve McKeown and Ronald E. Staff.

Dave immediately turned the groups' attention to acceptance of the Treasurer's report, which has a \$3,440.11 closing balance. Barry moved acceptance, seconded by Craig and this motion passed. Then Mike moved that we authorize the Treasurer to move money from the Neilson (mobile peace center) Account as needed by the bus. Craig seconded this motion, which passed.

Then the Minutes for June were approved as presented by Barry's motion, David's second, and voice vote of all present with the abstention of Mike, who said he was not present and did not think he should vote.

Dave moved the agenda directly to Peacestock in case Bill needed to leave early to return to Red Wing. Bill reported his need for volunteers to help with the activity coming on Saturday, next. Set up goes from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday. He sent around a sign-up sheet. His phone number is 651-764-1866 in case one has some free time to offer up; give him a call.

With the opening of the meeting notes about recent deaths in the group, Barry's wry comment on Membership is that it's challenging to keep our group filled out as members age and do the next common thing.

Education Committee talk about the up-coming Democracy Convention (August 2-6) was enthusiastic and engaged. There was significant discussion of the PBS, Ken Burns documentary to begin screening on September 17. There will be some effort to see if the local station might be willing to host a public screening of the shows.

Direct Action (Arts) Committee had no representative and gave no report.

Penny, reporting for the Convention Committee had the contract which needs to be signed but said we are awaiting scoop from the National office, which is likely focused on Chicago.

Dave introduced the Bus Committee report and gave note to Steve and Craig for their yeoman's service getting it painted white and black. The stenciling is scheduled this week so that Peacestock maybe the maiden voyage of the "Harold and Louise Neilson Mobile Peace Center."

Barry and Lyle reporting for the Communications Committee that the newly redesigned web site will launch on Wednesday. They said Craig and David are also members of the committee.

The SOA Watch and MAP committees had no reports although Steve mentioned a couple of items from Larry's report.

The Chicago Convention ad is due by this Friday and Dave said they would have a picture of the bus at the center with possibly the Minneapolis skyline in the background, taken from the Bryn Mawr area. Promoting the St. Paul National Convention for 2018 starts with this ad.

Dave noted the annual retreat to the northshore with be September 29, 30 and October 1 at the regular site. \$55.00 each person. Dave plans to be there.

Dave said the August 13 meeting will occur here at 6:00 p.m. as regularly scheduled even if there is a concert in Chicago; as he will be back in town and many members are not planning to go there.

Penny moved that we adjourn, seconded by Ray and passed just before 8:30 p.m.

Ronald E. Staff
Secretary