

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

June 11, 2017

Vice President Carson Starkey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. James Brown read the statement of purpose. The moment of silence was observed. Steve McKeown was reported to be at home with a stomach ache.

In attendance were: John B. Varone, Carson Starkey, Barry Riesch, James L. Mengel 3rd, Tom Larson, Ken Lessley, Penny Gardner, James Brown, Lyle Steinfeldt, Robin Monahan, Craig Wood, Dave Cooley and Ronald E. Staff.

Check-ins took about half an hour. Tom talked about the "People's Summit," which showed last night without any veteran speakers. Ken blogs at <Truth Canoe.com>.

Then Carson called for approval of the Minutes for May. Barry "So moved," Lyle seconded and the motion passed.

James Brown moved approval of the Treasurer's report, Dave seconded and it was accepted. The checking account balance is \$3,581.96.

Carson moved us on to committee reports. Barry reported for the Membership Committee noting his efforts to engage new members to doing whatever holds their attention. Barry told about the products we have on hand to promote VFP (hats, shirts, license plate frames, books, videos and so on).

Education Committee was not represented but John told of speaking at a church in Minnetonka.

Direct Action (Arts) Committee favorably reviewed the Women Against Military Madness march against weapons.

Penny told the Convention Committee May 31 and worked on getting the video ready for presentation at the Chicago convention in August promoting the 2018 convention in St. Paul. She said Mary McNellis, Stephen Gates and Bill Sorem met with her.

In discussions during the Bus Committee a sense of the group called for seeking estimates for a professional paint job. Craig said he would seek a few and Dave told him he would provide the number for a good quality shop near Delano which is low cost.

Lyle and Barry reported for the Communications Committee. They said the new website has gone back for burnishing. They said they liked it and sent around a small printed copy of the first screen. Dave agreed to join this committee when they see the second website proposal.

School of America's Watch and Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers Committee reports were not presented.

Under New Business Memorial Day activities were lauded. Robin reported the head count at 80. It was observed that we might do well to have sign-up materials whenever we are in public.

Discussion about Peacestock reminded everyone that we are selling the tickets we got for fronting cash to the effort.

Carson called for a motion to adjourn before 7:30 p.m. Robin so moved, Barry seconded and the motion was passed.

Ron Staff
Secretary