

## **Minutes**

### **Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027**

**August 13, 2017**

President Dave called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Penelope read the Statement of Purpose.

In attendance was: Larry Johnson, David Logsdon, David Cooley, Dick Foley, Vern Hall, Penelope Gardener, Mike Madden, Craig Wood and Ray DeVogel.

There was a moment of silence as requested by Dave.

Health updates included reference to John Sherman, who is now located at the Veterans Home, Building # 6-1, Room # 614.

Check-ins went around.

Penny moved to approve the July Minutes, Dick seconded and this motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, Larry moved to accept, Dave seconded. And this motion passed.

Committee Reports followed. The Membership Committee did not report as Barry was at the concert in Chicago.

Larry gave the Education Committee report. There was discussion about the winner of last year's Peace Essay Contest doing a service project in the Dominican Republic. Further discussion about the up coming contest continued. Larry will be involved in fund raising for the prize. And he plans to be involved in an event at Carlton College about the Kellogg-Briand Pact on September 21. Larry talked about the Ken Burn's film concerning the American War in Vietnam and how we might participate. The funding sources signaled concern to Larry that the messaging might be more obfuscation rather than enlightenment. The ten year production is entitled, "The Vietnam War," the mere title might mislead one into thinking that perhaps Vietnam attacked the United States at some point.

The event at the Rose Garden about the Atomic Bombing of Japan which concluded WWII was discussed by Dave. He reviewed the powerful event and named it a success. There were discussions about vigils/actions at the Republican Party headquarters locally.

The Anti-Nuclear Weapons petition drive has more than 5,000 signatures so far. Dave says that other VFP chapters may get involved before the drive is concluded.

Penelope reported on next year's Convention in St. Paul. We will need volunteers. Vern gave Penny phone numbers from Iowans willing to drive up and help next year. The actual dates of the event have not been finalized but must be by August 31 to guarantee the rates and facilities.

The Bus Committee report by Craig indicated that everything is ship shape and work on the inside is being bid out.

The Communications Committee did not report. Barry and Lyle were not present. Craig and others had positive comments about the updated site and will meet with the designer in the next couple of weeks.

Mike Madden got a lot of press about his up coming trial for protesting at the airport in January about the first Muslim ban. City Pages (cover story) and The St. Paul Pioneer Press (column) reported on the issue. He suggested that the motion to dismiss will be denied and he said, "The First Amendment is the issue; government rationed speech is not the way to go."

The SOAWatch with Mary out of town had no report.

Larry will make announcements about MAP's meeting at Wood Lake Nature Center on October 7.

The call for New Business brought nothing forward.

The Retreat, the last weekend of September, has few members stepping forward. Cost will be \$55.00 for two nights on Lake Superior.

Dave moved to adjourn, seconded by Vern, and passed.

(Notes courtesy of Craig Wood with assistance.)

Ronald E. Staff  
Secretary