

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter #027

January 14, 2018

Dave called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. James read the Statement of Purpose. After the Moment of Silence health updates were reviewed by Dave and others.

In attendance were: James Brown, Craig Wood, Penny Gardner, Dave Logsdon, Barry Riesch, Mike McDonald, Steve McKeown and Ron Staff.

Following the Check-Ins Dave entertained a motion to approve the December 2017 Minutes. Penny, "So moved." Seconded by Barry. The Secretary pointed out a duplicate sentence and reported it had been suggested to allow Steve to chose. Dave was not concerned. The motion passed. Later, Steve choose.

John Varone's Treasurer's Report followed. Barry moved to approve, seconded by Penny. This passed. Barry moved that, "All expenses for the bus come from the Nielson Account." Mike seconded and this motion passed.

Dave thought the planning session successful. He wanted each committee, as they report, to give their impressions; however with a number of committee chairs are absent (it really was a dark and stormy night), the overall reviews will be incomplete.

Barry led off with the Membership Committee report. He said he'd visited with two new members since the last meeting. He said three in his group had agreed to contact local college campuses. He reported Wade Johnson had MCTC, Concordia and St. Paul College, Mike McDonald would cover North Hennepin and Anoka Ramsey and Dave Logsdon committed to the U of M and Augsburg.

Mike reported for the Education Committee. He talked about two schools where staff expressed concerns about how we might "fit-in." But, as Dave pointed out, we can just keep "planting seeds." When Barry asked if the Speakers Bureau was now in the Education Committee, Dave thought so.

Penny, Convention Committee chairperson, said that last week, we'd had our first "conference call" with National, about the convention schedule. She noted that National has the final say. The theme remains up in the air but "Reclaiming the Armistice for a New Century of Peace" has been put forward. Speakers are still being chosen. There was an extended discussion of convention issues.

Craig said that he'd been out with David Cooley to show the "Don't Privatize The VA" banner by the hospital on Highway 55 and the Crosstown, Highway 62. He added that David had done it another time. Barry also reported he helped one time. He added some of the limits they ran into in contrast to the positive responses from many people, whom they flyer. Barry said that David paid \$250.00 for the materials. Dave asked about MLK Day activities.

There was no one to do the MAP report but there was extensive discussion about promoting the Peace Essay Contest. Likewise, the SOA report was not represented; so Dave moved to the Communications Committee.

Barry took it from there. He asked people to take twenty copies of the newsletter and find a place to put them out. He told about the various e-mail lists. Each committee should have their members on a separate group-e-mail. Let Barry know. Penny volunteered to check the phone messages and Ron had volunteered to check and direct chapter e-mail. Barry expressed respect for the movie, "The Post." Steve wondered if we should be flyering at the theaters. Craig noted that we are now mailing out copies of the newsletter to coffee houses around the state as well as in town.

Then reports of the Viking victory (a hail mary that worked) interrupted momentarily.

Dave said the Bus Committee was working on the dedication document for the bus in reference to Harold and Louise's involvement with this chapter. They were always supportive. They both attended lots of meetings in their day.

Dave moved the meeting to New Business.

Dave wondered whether we should have an Armistice Day Committee. Steve spoke in favor of this for this year in particulate, since this will be the hundredth anniversary, and the date is on a Sunday.

Dave noted MLK Day had been discussed, VA Privatization was talked about, PeaceStock has no one to tell about it, visiting John Sherman will happen, and in reference to the trip to the Vatican, Dave is ramroding a fundraising concert in support.

Dave entertained a motion to adjourn. Mike "So Moved."

And Steve wondered how come the Anti-Nuclear Petition didn't have a committee. Dave noted that he had sought additional input to the agenda. Craig noted how it would work on the bus once it's out in warmer weather.

Penny seconded. And it passed at 7:30 p.m.

Ron Staff
Secretary