

## **Minutes**

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

**8 April 2018**

President Dave called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He asked Bob, a visiting member from Ohio, to read the Statement of Purpose. Then Dave rang his bell to call for a moment of silence. There was an extended discussion of health updates on formerly active members.

In attendance were: Barry Riesch, Dick Foley, Dave Logsdon, Larry Johnson, Craig Wood, Tom Larson, Bob Lindstrom, Wade Johnson, Mike McDonald, Rick Jacobs, Charlie Bloss, Steve McKeown, David Cooley, Timothy Parker, Bill Habedank, Vern Hall, Jeff Roy and Jeanne Stevens.

Dave moved us to check-ins where attendees tell of their military and/or peace experience.

Dave called for approving the Minutes while Barry moved approval of the March Minutes, Tom seconded this passed.

Vern moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Craig seconded and this motion passed. The current checking account balance is \$7,827.68.

Barry presented the Membership Committee report by quizzing the visiting member and both new members, who'd showed up.

Dick kicked off the Education Committee report telling about activities in schools he visits. Larry recapped World Story Telling Day. He told about the reactions of some people both positive and negative. Larry reminded members that the deadline for the Peace Essay Contest is May 15 (First Place [\$1,000.00], Second Place [\$750.00] and Third Place [\$500.00]). Steve talked about the petition to ban nuclear weapons at opening day. He reported more than 10,000 signatures at this time. Dave then told about the USS Liberty Speaker. On June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a survivor presenting about that experience; Larry moved that we donate \$100.00 to that effort, Tim seconded and the motion passed.

Barry presented about the progress on the Convention Committee activities. He said that the schedule has been set and that the who and what will be completed in the next couple of months. Registration will be thrown open soon.

Dave moved the agenda to Direct Action/Arts and Mike reported on the Vets on the Hill day at the Capitol. David Cooley told about the VA Privatization opposition and actions going on around the nation. He covered many of his own actions locally. He got a round of applause as he ended.

Wade reported that he got the e-mail list from Mary and said he would have a report next month about how our communications are being received. Then Barry continued on the Communications Committee experience with the web site. He ended reminding members to take their copies of the newsletter to the places they had promised to keep stocked. Dave gave a shout out to Mary for her past efforts with the data.

Dave said that John MacLeod would be at the Tuesday MAP meeting representing us.

Craig reporting for the Bus Committee that “furniture” would be installed in the bus as soon as spring really arrives.

Dave moved us to New Business and Mike reported about the “Walk for Peace” and that it would be the first use of the bus as a swag wagon for the walkers here in Minnesota

Dave reported that we helped raise \$8,000.00 for the Rome trip challenging the Papal Bull about the Doctrine of Discovery.

Bill reported on this year’s PeaceStock encouraging people to go to the site to increase it’s rating on the internet. He would like as much promotion as he can get from members.

On May Day we will be in the parade here and then celebrating the Neilson’s peace work and support for the peace/activities bus. The Korean peace walk will be going through Kenyon that day and we will make it a celebratory event.

Poor People’s Campaign is supported and we will be participating in it’s activities.

Dave concluded with a quick item. He mentioned the My Li Exhibit for the end of October.

David Cooley reported the “Traveling Wall” would be at the Capitol this June.

Dave entertained a motion to adjourn. Mike “so moved,” Vern seconded and people moved after and while agreeing.

Ron Staff  
Secretary