

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

August 12, 2018

Dave opened the meeting near to 6:00 p.m. without the Secretary, who had arrived and left to get a battery for the recorder. Most of the check-ins went without being recorded for this reason. Dave said that Mike McDonald read the Statement of Purpose.

In Attendance were: Dave Logsdon, Stephen Gates, John McLeod, Barry Riesch, Jeanne Stevens, Jeff Roy, James Brown, Diane and Bill Habedank, Mary McNellis, Bruce Berry, John Varone, Craig Wood, Steve McKeown, Penny Gardner, Dick Foley, Mike McDonald, Lyle Steinfeldt, Ron Staff, Rick Jacobs, Charlie Bloss, Mike Madden, Vern Hall and David Cooley.

Barry moved the approval of the July Minutes, seconded by Jeff. The motion passed with no corrections.

John gave the Treasurer's Report. John announced that Penny has the check book with pre-signed checks since he will not get to the convention until Thursday morning. He reported that the checking account has \$3,558.44 available. He also reported the \$14,056.15 amount being held in a separate account from the Neilson Donation towards the purchase of a "peace house," which became the "mobile peace bus." John then added that the attorney for those funds said they could be used for "education." Discussion ensued about the limits of "education" activities, to which John agreed. Dave then talked about some of the bills, which will be "coming due," and wanted to make sure that we cover payments as needed. Dave did not identify what the budget for the convention is, but noted that they (the national office) didn't want to "loose too much money." Mike moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Penny and passed.

Dave introduced the Convention Planning Update with the "nine days to go" epithet and then turned the reporting over to Penny. She said the brochure for the convention is being printed saying everything has been submitted, "as far as I know." "It looks like the program came together." She reported that it's on the chapter 27 "Facebook" page so share it widely. Barry chimed in that "We want everybody in this room to chip in \$25.00 to come on the Thursday night boat cruise," which will have finger food and a cash bar. Barry repeated that we want a 100% attendance at the convention from local members.

Bruce asked about whether there was any planning for a banner drop during the cruise, which someone could photograph from shore. Following extended discussion about what banner and how it might be done, Steve McKeown asked, "What did Wayne say?" "It's easier to get forgiveness than permission," which drew rich and hardy laughter. Penny turned the report over to Barry, who is in charge of volunteers. He repeated that getting the local membership to the convention is a priority. There could be as many as 250 people or more on the cruise. Penny then invited people to check which places on a list to put up posters for the convention that they could do. Dave said there were still a 100 to put out. Barry made note of Bruce Berry's logo on the convention materials. He got a round of applause.

Dave asked for the Arts Committee input for their space at the convention and then told of his “micro-managing” kyong juhn’s pictures from her “Walk for Hope and Peace” into a prominent area. Mary added that My Lai photos would also be there.

Dave moved the agenda to committee reports. Barry’s Membership Committee report talked about remembering to let people know that they can join us.

The Education Committee report began with Mike McDonald’s circulation of the letter which he has sent to local schools. Steve reported on his activities with the Nuke petition drive and the work by other groups. He mentioned the Peace Prize Forum at Augsburg College in the middle of September. Dave told about Aida Touma-Suleiman a representative to the Israeli Knessit. She is only the fourth Arab Israeli woman to become a member of the Knessit.

Steve told about the Newsletter actions coming. He noted August 24 as the dead line for story copy.

During the Direct Action/Arts Committee Dave Cooley reported the VA Privatization efforts being high lighted at the convention.

An action at the State Fair coincides with the convention having to do with the Palestinian issue.

For the Communications Committee Lyle reported that the web site has increasing visits. Steve high lighted how this site has begun to provide a useful “tool” to our group’s activities.

John McLeod reported for the MAP. He said they plan to change their name.

Dave reported a review mirror got broken on the bus for the Bus Committee report. He said he planned to park the bus off the street behind Craig’s house.

Under New Business the problem with growing the group was discussed for a quarter of an hour when Dave called for a motion to adjourn. John so moved, Mike McDonald seconded; it passed.

Ron Staff
Secretary