

## Minutes

### Veterans For Peace, Chapter #027

June 9, 2019

President Mike McDonald opened the meeting by asking Dave Logsdon to read the Statement of Purpose. He passed the option on to Peter Jacobs who stood up to read them.

He then called for health up dates. Dave told about visiting with Jim Steinhagen. Before moving the meeting on to the Moment of Silence Mike read from Chante Wolff's latest writing about her efforts to report her war experiences as printed in "The Minnesota Women's Press" for June. After the silent moment there were check-ins.

In attendance were: Peter Jacobs, Barry Riesch, Mike McDonald, John MacLeaod, Mary McNellis, Bruce Berry, Charlie Bloss, Mike Madden, James Brown, Larry Johnson, Dick Foley, Penny Gardner, Dave Logsdon, Jeff Roy, Steve McKeown, Arlys Herem, Sue Ann Martinson, Bill Habedank, Lyle Steinfeldt, Vern Hall and Ron Staff.

Barry **moved** approval of the May Minutes, seconded by Penny, and **passed**.

Penny then gave the Treasurer's Report, which showed a checking account balance of \$10,144.94. Barry **moved** acceptance of the report, seconded by Steve, and this **passed**.

Steve told about the nuclear disarmament petition progress across the state to begin the Announcements/Direct Action portion of the agenda. Jeff reported on the Save Our V.A. action out by the hospital at the intersection of 62 and 55 between 7 and 9 a.m. He reported 45 positive responses from vehicles traveling passed in the first hour. Mike reported on the Open Streets event on Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis.

Jeff **moved** and Dave L. seconded a motion to purchase 5,000 VFP stickers for the Open Streets events. This motion **passed**. An amount was not identified.

Mike M. **moved** approval for Barry using \$850.00 to purchase clothing for sale at the National Convention. Seconded by Vern, and this **passed**.

Vern **moved** that we support Daniel Hale as noted on “Roots Action” website, Penny seconded, and the motion **passed**. Mike said he would make the connection for us.

Barry reported on the Members who came from the Open Streets event.

Steve reported on the next Newsletter’s appearance soon. Extra copies have been ordered for distribution during the summer bus activities.

Mary reported on items appearing on our “face book posts” as being questionable. She had examples of dated material appearing, which did not reflect well on the group. Dave said he would check into it during the Communications/PR Committee discussion period. A discussion of how to identify “authentic items” on the internet was aired. Sue Ann wrapped up for the PR Committee and Barry noted that Jeff had stepped down as the committee chair of PR and invited volunteers for that position.

Lyle gave the May report on the website and answered questions.

Bill told about PeaceStock occurring Saturday, July 20 in Red Wing at the Hobgoblin Barn on Highway #920.

Dick told about his experiences speaking at schools and how engaged the students are with his story. He read from letters the students write to him following his stories about being in war.

Larry expanded upon Paul Chappell’s training June 21 and 22.

Dave told about using the Bus at the Open Streets event on Lyndale Avenue. There was some interest in doing the next open streets event in Northeast Minneapolis. Lyle **moved** that we do this, seconded by Vern, and this motion **passed**.

John reported on the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers and said he could no longer attend the meeting, he said he would turn his file over to Mike for the use of the next member to attend in our name. The Minnesota Peace Action Coalition had no news according to Mike and Sue Ann.

Dave reported about National news. He said that Mike McPherson would be done on June 30.

Mike called for New Business. Dave talked about a portable ArtCar. Jim Brown reported some activities in Mankato promoting the military and sought help in demonstrating against the pro-war public relations.

Vern read a note he'd gotten from a veteran friend. The story went that he had been assigned to speak to a World War II veteran about their experience while a high school student. Since his father had been in the war he asked him a few questions. Then he asked his "real question." Did you ever kill anyone? His father fumbled for an answer but finally said, "Ya, probably. ... I was the cook."

Peter reported on the Citizens' Climate Lobby currently active in Washington, D.C. lobbying all the national legislators.

Mike M. **moved** to adjourn, seconded by Penny, and **passed**.

Ronald E. Staff  
Secretary