

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

July 14, 2019

President Mike McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked the Secretary to read the Statement of Purpose.

Larry talked about a veteran who passed who was in our fold without ever signing up, officially.

The Moment of Silence followed.

Mike began the check-ins reading a statement by Michael MacPherson, former National Executive Director.

In attendance were: Dick Foley, Mike McDonald, Mike Madden, Dave Logsdon, Cecil Ramnaraine, John McLeod, Barry Reisch, Charlie Bloss, John B. Schmid, Jim Brown, Bill Havedank, Steve McKeown, Rick Jacobs, David Cooley, Steve Gates, Mary McNellis, Larry Johnson, Patricia Hamilton, Vern Hall, Tom Larsen, Sue Ann Martinson and Ronald E. Staff.

Barry **moved** to approve the Minutes for June. Tom seconded and it **passed**.

Barry **moved** to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tom and this **passed**. It showed a checking account balance of \$9,764.16.

Announcements followed.

Bill talked about volunteer positions still needing to be filled for PeaceStock next Saturday. He is particularly seeking assistance following the meal to put things away after the event.

David talked about the on-going opposition to Veterans Administration Privatization and distributed their t-shirts.

Barry talked about circulating our Newsletter to coffee shops, libraries and other public places, which agree to have it present.

During the Communications Committee Barry read the invitation for a volunteer to take over the Face Book postings. Mary stepped forward. She got a round of applause. He also gave the website report usually done by Lyle.

Under Education Committee reports Dick said he had a number of places to go. Cecil reported he would be in contact with the National office about his curriculum.

Dave said the Bus was going to PeaceStock and the next Open Streets events.

Mike Madden reported on the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers meeting he attended when John retired and at this time accepted appointment to be the chapter's representative to that organization.

Barry reported for the Membership Committee and noted that various outreach and protest efforts have attracted membership interest. Mary noted that there are a number of "lapsed" members, who are not getting scoop.

Dave talked about the National issues. SOAWatch will be gathering in Georgia again this fall. He talked about the Convention in Spokane.

Mike called for New Business. Steve talked about recent signature acquisitions on the banning of Nuclear Weapons Petition.

Larry read a resolution having to do with the terms of officer positions, which he had discussed with Mike. Mike accepted the resolution as a **motion**. Barry seconded. Discussion lead to a group meeting by e-mail to flesh-out the issues presented to be brought to the next meeting.

At 8:15 p.m. Mike entertained a **motion** to adjourn, which was made and seconded by a number of individuals before we departed.

Ronald E. Staff
Secretary