

Minutes

Veterans For Peace, Chapter # 027

March 8, 2020

President Mike McDonald opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. having Treasurer Penny read the Statement of Purpose. He then reported on a health update he had and others chimed in.

His call for the Moment of Silence desired some focus on those suffering from Covid-19.

Check-Ins followed.

In attendance were: Jeff Roy, Charlie Bloss, Mike McDonald, Dave Logsdon, Craig Wood, Barry Reisch, Mike Madden, Jim Stoebner, Erika Sanborne, Tom Larsen, Bruce Barry, James Brown, Arlys Heren, Sue Ann Martinson, Vernon Hall, Bill Habedank, Penny Gardner, Steve McKeown, John Wexler, Eric J. Garcia and Ron Staff

Mike moved approval of the January Minutes, seconded by Barry and passed. Dave moved approval of the February notes seconded by Craig and passed.

Penny gave the Treasurer's Report for both months. Barry moved acceptance of the reports, seconded by Jeff, and passed.

Bill and his PeaceStock event was moved up on the agenda because Bill was interested in heading home soon (He lives out of town.). Sue-Ann, Tom, Mike (Mad.) and Penny offered to assure Bill that they would make sure that the activity would go on, when he is no longer able to do it. Mike moved that the chapter buy 50 tickets for a \$1,500.00 donation to the event. Seconded by Craig and passed by the group.

Barry made an announcement about an up-coming indigenous peoples training for white males or whomever. Other events were discussed. Climate issues seemed to

connect a number of these actions and attract our group to indigenous thinking. How to “listen-up” might be our largest challenge, as a largely white male group.

Craig talked about the Newsletter which Steve said it should be to the printer by Tuesday according to Frank. Steve thought we might find some utility in producing some kind of Situation Report of our activities. Arlys and Sue-Ann offered to compile a list of what we actually do.

Barry talked about the Membership committee and praised new member Erika Sanborne along with others for what they bring and the opening they offer into the communities of which they are a part.

Sue-Ann told about the increased use of our website during the Communications reporting period.

Reporting about the National organization Dave brought up the ad we might take out in the convention booklet as well as the concerns holding national board attention. Fund raising, fund raising, fundraising, raising funds, getting cash.

Mike (Mad.) reported for MAP/MPAC (Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers/Minnesota Peace Action Coalition).

Arlys reported for SOVA (Save Our Veterans Administration).

Steve talked about Education actions with high schools classes.

He also talked more about the Nuclear petition.

During New Business Steve sought a resolution that the speed limit be set at 55 miles per hour, seconded by Sue-Ann, and passed.

Jeff moved to adjourn, seconded by Craig, and passed.

Ronald E. Staff
Secretary