



Madison, WI

Veterans For Peace, Clarence Kailin Chapter 25, Madison, WI

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February, 19, 2020, General Membership Meeting Minutes

Chair Jeff Froh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. Phil read the VFP Statement of Purpose. Jeff asked for any adjustments of the printed agenda. Hearing none, he continued with the agenda. Other members attending included John Fournelle, Phil Fransen, Paul McMahon, James Barry, Larry Orr, Thomas Glassel, Brad Geyer, Sierra Powers, and Wayne Jensen. The VFP "hat" was passed, and the January 2020 minutes were reviewed, and approved.

Treasurers Report - Paul reviewed his monthly calculations statement sheet which had specific numbers of donations of \$ 4,300 from the funding appeal which had a 13.7% response rate. For expenditures, last months donation to About Face, and a 1/2 payment to WNPJ&S office was reported. The Prairie Farms caps count is 702. The ending checking balance is in good shape and looking good so far at the start of the year.

Committee Reports

Counter Recruiting/Scholarship - David reporting via e-mail - reported he was preparing for extensive upcoming school visits to Dodgeville, River Valley, Boscobel this week, and Richland Center High School next week. Members are welcome to join him with the visits. Very good continued contact with students to make them aware of many options for their future, instead of joining the military. David is also looking for award presenters in May. Paul reported contact with specific school personnel that can assist students to apply for the Madison Scholarship such as AVID (Advanced Vocational Individual Determination), and has been at Memorial H.S. and other schools to promote the Madison Scholarship

Memorial Day - Matt Rothschild has agreed to speak, from David's report, and is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. More speakers are proceeding as well for the program.

Memorial Mile - A work party of the monuments will be at Phil's on March 7th, 9:00 am to Noon.

Planning Committee - no report, but members are to keep thinking of possible events for a public event.

Local, and National Websites - Brad reported continued working to add to the site.

Tabling/Outreach - Books reported, and asked about the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 15. Yes!

New Business

2020 Annual VFP Chapter 25 Budget - Paul reviewed an additional statement sheet with all of the budgetary considerations for the year line by line. The Chapter is sitting well, and consideration for possibly increasing any visibility standpoint could be in order. A **Motion was made and 2nded** adopt the 2020 VFP Budget. **The motion passed.**

2020 Peace and Conflict Studies, April 3 - Members can attend. A VFP Table can be set up. At Madison College. <https://www.wisconsin-institute.org>.

Continued opposition to F-35s - Brad reported many efforts and actions underway. Discussion on involvement for the Sat. Feb. 29th mobilization going to Truax Field entrance for Wright and Anderson Streets. Flags, banners, signs. PFAS concerns besides the possible noise. Letters to the editor should continue.

Select March Chair - Larry Orr

Any other new Bus. - Brad brought up the idea of an additional committee to look at obtaining new members.

Sierra Powers reported that the deportation idea for the Hmong, re: article in the Feb. 19 Capitol Times, is outrageous by the Trump Administration, and should be dropped. The Hmong have been brought into our society and have adapted in lieu of many differences in our society then and now. More discussions and humanitarian efforts are needed. Larry mentioned that members could attend Hmong events.

Announcements

A list of the next meeting times was read, and immediate events relevant to VFP Chapter 25.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Minutes by Books