

Veterans For Peace, Clarence Kailin Chapter 25, Madison WI August 19, 2020 Minutes

Larry Orr Chaired and opened the meeting at 4:00 PM at Olbrich Park. Larry asked for any adjustment to the agenda, with one announcement of a protest on Friday. Larry read the VFP Statement of Purpose, and the donations to the "VFP Hat" were directed to go directly to Paul via U.S. Mail Service.

Other Members in attendance were Brad Geyer, Tom Glassel, John Fournelle, Judy Miner, and Steve Books.

Treasurers Report - Paul was absent due to a death in his family. Well wishes, and condolences were expressed.

Committee Reports

Counter recruiting/Scholarship - David reported via e-mail that he has been invited to the Highground in September to meet with school classes that meet there for a Field Trip. He will be stationed at the Peace Dove for information.

Memorial Day/ Memorial Mile - Hope to have both events in 2021

Planning Committee - John, Brad, There will be a meeting in September. Members are encouraged to attend it. Let John, Brad, Fran know about ideas.

Website - Brad outlined various posts that he is working on - Lanterns For Peace, Nuclear Disarmament, Land missiles by the U.S. all over the world. Facebook, MadisonVFP.org Discussion on the military all over the world. Judy reported that the coronavirus is also affecting the military.

Tabling/Outreach - Steve and Brad reported possible new Farmer's Markets to have the VFP Stand at.

New Business

VFP Convention review - Larry reviewed the highlights of the National VFP Convention and asked the membership for reimbursement of the fee. A **motion** was made and ended to reimburse Larry for the on-line fee. The motion passed with one abstention.

Registration for the On-line Convention Larry reported attending the VFP National Convention on-line and found it very useful and worthwhile. He is asking for reimbursement of the On-Line fee. Many sessions were recorded.

In a discussion regarding the convention and the National VFP, a **motion** was developed and ended to allow up to 10 VFP Members to sign-in to review the 2020 VFP National Convention and be reimbursed for the \$ 50.00 Fee for viewing the sessions. The access is to be from the National VFP Website. Members must sign in by August 24th and view by August 31 to be eligible. The **motion** passed. Note: (In the effort to locate the web access after the meeting, there was a delay in finding the information from the National VFP Website)

Mike Boehm Project - discussion and **motion** for a donation of \$ 100.00 for Mike's work with Madison Quakers and the Vietnam School Project in Vietnam. The **motion** passed unanimously.

Local African American Group Solidarity Project(s) donation - tabled

Military Budget - Discussion with the 10% reduction voted down by congress (say what?) and what should be done about it with congressional members who could be favorable to work or not work on the issue. Consequences of local issue revolving in the military expenses discussion. Peace Action of Milwaukee had a \$ 18,000 billboard ad made due to the planned DNC being in Milwaukee that went up anyway with a vigil. Possible local signs discussion with a message of cutting the military budget, maybe cure coronavirus instead.

Other new business - Madison City Council concerns with an effort via a resolution to reimburse homeowners for sound mitigation. Old non-working strategy for the pro-military pro-F-35 crowd. Watch the Madison City Council.

WNJP&S concerns - Judy is to check with Dace Zeps regarding the operations of WNPJ&S. (Dace moved out of State)

Northside Farmer's Market possibility - Judy will check with John Peck.

Announcements

A list of the next VFP Meetings, where, times was announced.

Adjournment - the meeting ended at 5:20 PM.

Minutes by Books