



VETERANS FOR PEACE BOARD MINUTES February, 2007

9:05 AM February 3, 2007 meeting called to order by President Cline

In Attendance:

Board members: Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Sharon Kufeldt, Patrick McCann, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Wayne Wittman, Dave Cline, Michael Uhl, Frank Ackles, Frank Houde, Anita Cole, Mike Ferner

Staff: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Oath of Office administered to new board members

Election of new officers: Elliott Adams, President; Sharon Kufeldt, V-President; Ken Mayers, Treasurer;

Mike Ferner, Secretary.

At this point, President Cline turned the gavel over to Elliott Adams who presided for the rest of the meeting.

Motion: by Wayne Wittman to commend Dave Cline for his years of service on the Board and as President. Passed by acclamation.

Agenda: Motion by Ken Mayers to move the Philadelphia discussion up to Saturday after lunch.

By consensus: modify the agenda.

Minutes: Motion by Collins, seconded and passed, to accept minutes of November 4, 2006.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Mayers to create a VFP Long Term Asset Fund into which will be deposited any revenue item that is greater than 10% of that year's approved operating budget, with earned interest from such a fund going into the general operating budget. Seconded and passed.

Motion by Wittman, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's report.

Motion by Mayers re: Proposal for VFP Special Projects, seconded and tabled.

Executive Director's Report:

Motion, seconded and passed to accept Executive Director's report.

Motion to form a Development Committee, seconded and passed. Committee to consist of Cole, Ferner and McPhearson.

Water Project: discussion and consensus to hold off sending a solicitation letter to the membership until after the development plan is adopted.

Break for lunch

Philadelphia discussion

Michael Uhl referred to a document titled "The Case Against Chartering VFP Chapter 144" submitted by 16 members of VFP Chapter 31, requesting the minutes reflect it be characterized as containing allegations of misconduct against Bill Perry.

A discussion followed which was extended twice by 15-minute increments, leading to the following Motion by Mayers, that a charter be granted to the forming chapter as Chapter 144 provided that Bill Perry apologize in writing to VFP Chapter 31, VFP Chapter 144, and the VFP board for the manner in which the charter application was originally sought. Seconded and approved 7 to 4.

2006 Convention Report

Moved, seconded and passed to send a letter of thanks to the organizers of the Seattle conference.

2007 Convention Report

2008 Convention Report by Wittman. The Board was informed that Atlanta is not a viable site for the 2008 VFP convention. Wittman reported that he has been asked to inform the Board to consider St. Paul-Minneapolis as a 2008 convention site location to co-inside with the republican convention in St. Paul. Request received"

Adjourn for the night

8:35 AM February 4, 2007 reconvened

In attendance:

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Staff: Michael McPhearson, Executive Director

Guest: Dave Cline

President Adams appointed Wittman, McCann, and Cline to the nominations committee. Cole moved to send a board evaluation survey to each member, to be returned within one week; seconded and passed.

Executive Director evaluation form: Collins moved it be accepted with modifications; seconded and passed.

Chapter numbering: Collins moved to keep numbering sequentially (that is, not to use the numbers of "defunct" chapters when assigning numbers to new chapters); seconded and passed.

Committee appointments: President Adams reappointed Frank Ackles chair of Zones of Concern and Struggle (ZOCS) committee; Frank Houde chair International Liaison Committee; Bill Collins chair of the Personnel Committee; Kufeldt chair of Membership and Chapter Development Committee; and appointed McCann chair of the Awards Committee. Next Meeting set for May 5-6 in Minneapolis-St. Paul Chartering new chapters: McCann moved to charter the Fairbanks chapter; Barfield moved to charter the Anchorage chapter; Uhl moved to charter the Saratoga Springs, NY chapter; each seconded and passed.

Newsletter: Cole moved to postpone the decision whether to have 3 or 4 annual issues until after strategic planning conducted; seconded and passed.

Philadelphia: Barfield asked the board to reconsider the motion passed the previous day in order to give principals involved time to engage in mediation. Mayers moved reconsideration; seconded and passed 6-3 with 1 abstention. Previous motion re: forming Chapter 144 was then placed before the board for reconsideration, was voted on again and failed this time 6-5.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Ferner