

VETERANS FOR PEACE, CORVALLIS
Minutes May 24, 2010 6:30pm UUFC

I. Attending:

Todd Allen, Jim Spain, Bart Bolger, Leah Bolger, Del Shirley, Bob Stebbins (presiding)

II. Administration

Treasurers Report Bart Bolger

Checking balance \$1209
Designated for legal defense \$400
Available for use \$809

The Signature Ad cost \$1188. We will contribute \$100 from our general fund. The rest of the money collected is pass-through (i.e., collected from donors, deposited; then check written to G-T for ad)

III. Past actions/events status and debrief

Anti war funding signature ad for the GT

Leah showed us a copy of ad and gave us a hand out showing the cost of war.

Member Interests Survey – Bart

Bart presented results. One anonymous letter was read. **Decided: Bart will send results to the membership via e-mail.**

May second Saturdays benefit – Leah

June benefit will be for the Iraqi family

Philomath HS, Student Peace Alliance, movie **Soldiers of Peace** – Bart

The event was poorly attended by students. The Soldiers of Peace video was very good. We discussed a venue for us to view and discuss it. **DECIDED:** View Soldiers of Peace at our next meeting

Bring the Guard Home Campaign -- Leah

Leah had about 35 people in her class Academy of Lifelong Learning Class on Bring the Guard Home (BTGH). Six people from the class volunteered to help if there is another BTGH campaign. We discussed doing that but Leah cannot provide all the effort and time she did last time. She proposed to model the proposed legislation on the Wisconsin legislation. **Decided: Small group will be convened by Leah to review what would need to be done and assess if we have the people with passion to work on it.**

VFP item for summer newsletter – Bart

Bart has sent in chapter activities input; now limited to 200 words.

IV. Scheduled Future actions/events

Memorial Day; possible display of Rodger Asai's Remembrance Rug (It is now 100 some feet long.) at Armory ceremony. We also have the "End the war now" sign and we can hold it over the I-5 freeway.

Possible City Council resolution (war funding & local economic impact) - Leah

The *Day Break* group is showing some interest in preparing a resolution.

A proposal for Oregon legislation to prohibit sending ASVAB test/profile data to DoD without prior parental consent—Bart

VFP Chapter 156 has been taking the lead. Don Chapin as sent letters to several potential sponsoring groups such as Oregon Education Association (OEA) and ACLU of Oregon. The movement is called Oregon Coalition for Student Privacy.

The Fellowship of Recognition (FOR, national) nominations for peace prizes--Bob

Nominations are being solicited from individuals and organizations who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to peace, justice, and reconciliation. **Decided: Bob will nominate the group, Hand In Hand.**

Plans for Benton County Fair booth, materials to be used. Bob and Bart

Deferred decisions and discussion until later but we have paid the \$100 deposit.

Arlington West Film showing.

There is a study guide. It would be desirable to get a showing for teachers. These materials have been provided to Mr. Lake at PHS. We discussed trying to find a teacher at CVHS and CHS to present the film and study guide.

VFP Executive Director, Dennis Lane

The new Director will be in Eugene, Friday June 18th. Time/place TBD. If anyone is interested getting together with him, let Leah know. He is looking for donors outside the VFP community. He was hired for his fund raising ability.

Other Important dates:

May 29 11 am at Capital, Salem: Rally & march in opposition to Arizona SB1070.

June 22-26: U.S. Social Forum, Detroit.

June 28: Next VFP meeting (6:30pm)

July 23-25: National Assembly Conference, Albany, NY.

August 4-7: Benton County Fair

August 26-29: VFP Convention, Portland, ME

September 17: Peace Fair/Pinwheels for Peace

Daily, 5:00 to 6:00 pm—Corvallis Peace Vigil, Benton County Courthouse

Del Shirley
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