

VFP Board Meeting
May 5-6, 2007 Minneapolis

Attendees

Board: Elliott Adams, Sharon Kufeldt, Ken Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Pat McCann, Frank Houde, Wayne Wittman, Anita Cole, Mike Ferner
Staff: Michael McPhearson, Doug Zachary,
Guests: Wil Covert, Andy Anderson, John Varone, Jim Steinhagen, Gary Sorensen, Woody Powell.

Agenda approved

Minutes approved from February board meeting

Report on '07 convention from Woody Powell.

Board members Barfield and Wittman, and Executive Director McPhearson appointed to serve on Convention committee with Powell.

Wittman moved to commend St. Louis convention planning committee. Approved.

Chapter Development Committee: Report from Kufeldt and Covert re: "Each One Bring One" campaign to double VFP membership between '07 and '08 conventions.

Treasurer's Report:

Mayers began with his appeal for better Special Projects accounting.

Mayers moved that Executive Committee be empowered to deal with Special Project "dormant funds." Approved.

Motion to approve report, subject to review. Approved.

Mayers moved to amend previously adopted policy on "long term assets" to allow 10% of eligible funds remain in the general operating fund. Approved.

Cole moved to refer Working Assets/Tides grant to Development Committee for policy recommendations about whether it was one grant or two. Approved

Executive Director Report

Submitted in writing by McPhearson, and included Doug Zachary's oral report on membership renewal work. Wittman moved to accept Executive Director report. Approved.

Development Audit and Recommendations

Presented by Cole and Ferner followed by discussion.

Wittman moved to adopt Development Plan recommendations as amended (see Audit and Recommendations, attached). Approved.

2008 Convention Report

Wittman, Jim Steinhagen and John Varone reported that a variety of community/peace groups have formally endorsed having convention in MN for potential dates of Aug. 27-30. Gary Sorensen, chair of Chapter 80, Duluth also expressed support. Houde moved to hold '08 convention in Bloomington, MN August 27-30. Approved.

New board member

Discussion of criteria for board member to fill the Board vacancy. The needs identified by the Board assessment for new board members are: human resources, fundraising, database, diversity, media expertise. President will fill the current board vacancy from candidates identified by the Nominating Committee. Members of Nominating Committee who wish to run for the Board will step down.

Iraq Water Project

Discussion re: request to mail a fund raising request to general VFP membership. Kufeldt moved that a fundraising mailing to the membership for projects not be done until the Development Committee develops policies and procedures for such mailings. Approved.

Michael Uhl's proposal

Mayers moved the Development Committee review proposal from Uhl and incorporate appropriate portions into the Development Plan. Approved.

Discussion with Andy Anderson from Duluth chapter re: relationship between chapters and national VFP.

Action on the Board Policy Book

Changes made to Board Policy book as per recommendations of President Adams in "Action on the Board Policy Book." Motion by McCann to accept those changes (see Bd. Policy Book v3 5-07, Attached). Approved

Motion made at 5:30pm to recess meeting until 8am, Sunday.

Meeting called to order 8:27 AM Sunday

(resumed) Action on the Board Policy Book

Remaining changes made to Board Policy Book re: VFP listserv, U.N. liaison positions, delegation of duties to the Executive Director. (see Bd. Policy Book v3 5-07, Attached) Approved.

Meeting reconvened Sunday morning.

Israel - Palestine / June 10 demonstration

Barfield will represent VFP and participate as one of the speakers.

Philadelphia

Discussed, no action taken.

Strategic planning

Wittman moved to set aside Oct. meeting for strategic planning. Approved.
Executive Committee will take the lead in planning it.

Life membership for Dave Cline

McCann moved that a life membership be given to Dave Cline. Approved
Mayers moved that current and past board members be funding source. Approved

Membership/Chapter Report

Kufeldt moved chartering chapters #148 Itasca, MN and #149 Memphis, TN. Approved

Korean Peace Campaign

Mayers moved KPC's request for Board approval for the KPC plan to present a plaque or banner, with "We condemn all war crimes and offer our sincere apology, as veterans of the U.S. military and as American citizens, to the victims of the No Gun Ri massacre. (Date) Veterans For Peace (US)", to the museum for No Gun Ri victims, which will be built in ROK. Approved

Cole moved to invite Korean VFP to convention and waive registration fee for three people. Invitation to be written by International Liaison Committee. Approved

UN NGO conference

Mayers moved to purchase a quarter page ad in the program book. Approved.

Nominating Committee

Discussion was held re: above criteria (listed under “New Board Member” section) for new members and how to recruit them, including what kind of questionnaire to use. Nominations committee members are Wittman, Zachary, and Sandy Kelson.

Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm to participate in the Minneapolis May Day Parade.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Ferner, Secretary