

## MAPJ BOARD MEETING MINUTES --- April, 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

The board of directors met on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Manhattan Mennonite Church. Members present were: Chair Jon Tveite, Treasurer Anne Cowan, Newsletter editor David Buck, John Exdel, Alley Stoughton, Ellen Welti, Bill Dorsett, Greg Covington, Carol Barta, Christopher Renner and MAPJ coordinator Victor Force. Guests were : Deb Nuss and Tom Manney.

Introductions were made between the board and guests.

**Additions to the agenda-** Exdel requested that we find a new space to meet that is more comfortable. Force will take care of this.

Minutes: from March were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cowan reported with all accounts we have \$20, 437.00. All bills are paid. Cowan also reported that the Flint Hills Human Rights Project has asked for membership dues of \$25.00. Request was approved.

**Campus:-** Force and Welti reported on the upcoming events of activism called "W.A.K.tivism. Events include:

4/20-KAPJ Demonstration in Bosco Plaza protesting Separation Walls, Amnesty International will table in the Union.

4/21-Amesty International's Candlelight Vigil for Holocaust Remembrance Day @ 9:00 p.m.

4/22 Earth Day with Students for Environmental Action, Farm Club, Amnesty International and KAPJ.

4/23 All group camp out to be in solidarity for people in the world who are displaced.

### **Ongoing business:**

#### **No-NBAF:**

Guests from No NBAF and Covington spoke to the board to offer updates resulting from a recent meeting in the local community. They reported that a group from San Antonio was planning to bring a lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security, citing that the environmental impact study was improperly carried out and neglected or misrepresented many aspects dealing with Manhattan's place in the midst of tornado alley as well as the Tuttle Creek Reservoir dam fault line. San Antonio was one site looked at by the Federal Government. The board repeated its position that the NBAF site should not be anywhere. Covington and Dorsett will continue to work with the No-NBAF group and will continue to work on a draft of a statement for MAPJ to the city commission about the issues of safety.

#### **Landon Lecture/General David Petraeus.**

Tveite will write an editorial for the Mercury about "Rethinking Afghanistan" The group will meet at 2:00 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum. Barta will talk to the people from K.C. Exdel and Covington will look into getting a banner for the protest.

Covington will get in touch with IVAW, Veterans for Peace and some KC area activist groups.

#### **Movies on the Grass-**

No Report

#### **Fall Speaker series:**

Tveite continues to work on this. He will get Force to help him. Exdel suggested two more as speakers.

#### **Fundraising:**

Cowan reported that fundraising is on going, that we have raised \$15, 120 this year.

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**Pharr Workshop:** Renner suggested that people who attended the Pharr workshop should get together and process the information. May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cowan's house from 1:00-3:00.

### **MAPJ movies:**

The next movie will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> and then on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The board discussed ways to increase attendance, especially for the summer months.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at Radina's Coffee shop.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victor Force