

# MAPJ BOARD December 13, 2007

## WELCOME

### PRE-MEETING

Board Members in Attendance: Anne Cowan, Alley Stoughton, Jon Tveite, Lisa Hamer, John Exdell, Carol Barta, Chris McGregor

Staff Members not in Attendance: Evan Leonard, Alissa Vining

Board Members Not in Attendance: Greg Covington, Christopher Renner, Bill Dorsett, Susan Allen, Megan Bindel, and Sam Lacy

Jeff Stilley and Glenda Phillips visited

The mailbag was reviewed

### MEETING

**Additions to Agenda** – There were no additions or changes to the agenda

**Approval of Minutes** – There were no additions or changes to the November meeting minutes. Approval of minutes passed by consensus.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report** – Anne Cowan reported there is \$22,215.85 in all MAPJ accounts. Bill Dorsett has not yet submitted a bill for reimbursement on the t-shirts he purchased for the protest during the Robert Gates lecture.

**Campus Update** – Jeff Stilley reported that there is interest on campus of doing another project similar to the Iraq war flags project done last year. Possibilities for this project include a reading of Martin Luther King's anti Vietnam war speeches on the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Iraq war or another possible date in March. Recommendations to meet with both the Black Student Union and the Progressive Coalition regarding the event planning were made.

**Website/Blog** – Alley Stoughton and Jon Tvieta addressed concerns board members had regarding copyrights, a terms of use, site moderation and security, and regular updates of content. Discussion on several topics including advertising of the site, whether there should continue to be a seperate MAPJ blog, content, and the overall cost of the site so far.

It was decided to begin widespread adverstising of the site after January 15<sup>th</sup>, utilizing various media such as church bulletins, newspaper ads, and radio commercials.

**Gates Protest** – John Exdell and Glenda Phillips reported on the recent protest MAPJ organized during Defense Secretary Robert Gates' Landon Lecture. The group received overwhelming publicity of the protest in an Associated Press article that was circulated nationally. There was also extensive local news coverage of protesters. Many t-shirts were sold and the group made contact with a diverse variety of people.

Susan Oviatt has photos of the Gates Protest for anyone interested in seeing them. Anne Cowan has "No Iran War" signs for sale for \$5 each.

**G.I. Rights Workshop** – The G.I. Rights Workshop is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A flier for the upcoming G.I. Rights Workshop is being distributed shortly. Registration fees are on a sliding scale ranging from about \$25 to \$40.

Speakers are staying at a local Bed & Breakfast that has donated rooms and the local Quakers are making arrangements for rooms for other out of town participants. The workshop is posted as an event on the MAPJ website and on other events calendars throughout the community. A flier for the event will be posted to the MAPJ website.

**Community Radio Station** – Due to the inclement weather, Christopher Renner was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a report updating the board on the progress of the community radio station project, which are attached to the minutes.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Fundraising** – Receipt letters are being sent to members who have now given to MAPJ. Pledges collected so far total \$14,060.04 with about 24 pledges unpaid. There will be a reminder mailing sent out for outstanding donations. An email notification will be sent to the listserv at the end of December reminding pledgers of the tax deduction deadline.

**Iran Update** – John Exdell elaborated on the propaganda tactics of the White House toward Iran along with the Bush administration's continuing to push further sanctions against Iran. Discussion concerning future MAPJ action and a recent bill sent to Senate committee also took place.

**Community Fair at Manhattan Town Center** – MAPJ has been invited to participate in a community fair being held at Manhattan Town Center. MAPJ would have a table display and distribute handouts to the public. The event is being held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Registration is \$7 for the table and an additional \$0.50 each for chairs.

The board decided to attend the event. Volunteers to work the event and other details were not decided during the board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Meeting** – John Exdell stated that he will complete his boilerplate letter to send to potential speakers shortly. Potential speakers for the annual meeting include Tom Hayden, Kathy Kelly, and Phyllis Bennis. It was decided that the meeting should be held shortly after Spring Break at the end of March. Either March 29<sup>th</sup> or April 5<sup>th</sup> are tentative possibilities.

**Budget** – Budget sheets were handed out for board members to work on time for the January board meeting when discussion and a final decision on the 2008 budget will take place.

**Speaker Series** – John Exdell led discussion on the planned speaker series. Discussion regarding possible speakers for the event took place, including college professors reprimanded for speaking out for peace.

**Adjournment** – Carol adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next board meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Attachment 1

### Radio Station Update:

We have been working with our lawyer, Michael Couzens, who has sent a request to the Catholic Hour, Inc., regarding their application for the same frequency for which we applied -- 90.9. Since we both applied for the same frequency, we are "mutually exclusive" for this frequency. Meaning that if we do not resolve the problem ourselves, the FCC is going to forget about us for a couple of years. The FCC has provided a window until January 7 to resolve this issue. We sent their lawyer a letter on Monday of this week, via FAX, requesting that they withdraw their application since we discovered several errors in the mathematics concern population served and tower height. We are waiting to hear back from them. If we cannot get them to withdraw this will delay the station for several years, which none of us want. The FCC has said they will not deal with the "mutually exclusive" situations until they have been able to process all the other applications. This means three to four years of limbo. So we hope we can convince them to withdraw. one option to expedite this process is to offer some funds to help off-set the cost of their expenses, if they just don't withdraw because of our announced challenge. If that is what it takes to get them to withdraw, I think the Steering Committee will vote to support such an effort. We have some \$2,000 left, but we also need to be raising more money. We also have been approach with a donation of some equipment -- a mixing board and a transmitter. Both fairly expensive items to buy new. Dave MacFarland is going to be our technical reference person and will be check out the transmitters. Ed Klimeck contact UFM about the transmitters that his station in JC is preparing to replace -- this was a direct result of the little article the Mercury ran about the application.