

The MAPJ board met on February 19th, 2009 at the Manhattan Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Chair Jon Tveite, Treasurer Anne Cowan, Greg Covington, Carol Barta, Christopher Renner, Alley Stoughton, John Exdel and Ellen Welti, Victor Force MAPJ coordinator and guest David Buck.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Cowan reported a balance of \$23,289.

Campus Report: The campus Amnesty International group has been meeting weekly. Letters were written to State Senator Roger Reitz asking that the death penalty bill before the state legislature be approved. Amnesty students will each become an expert in one area of Human Rights and share that knowledge with others in the group.

The KAPJ group has had a table in the K-State Union asking K-State students what issues that they are most concerned with. They will work to narrow this down and encourage student participation.

A sub-group from MAPJ met regarding the General Myers issue. Exdel expressed a concern that we were not moving quickly enough.

Program: Barta reported that at the energy forum people spoke for one and a half hours and shared ways to keep the coal powered power plants from being built. Currently there are 50 bills pending in the legislature any of which can allow the power plants to be built. Approximately 25 people attended this forum.

Ongoing Business:

Speaker series: Tveite passed around a list of speakers for the fall that the board had individually suggested over the past year. Board members voted on which speakers that they liked the most. Tveite will calculate the votes and extend invitations to those most wanted.

MAPJ movie series- Renner reported that ten people attended the movie "King Corn". The next movie will be March 10th at 6:30; it will be "Brother Outsider" the story of Bayard Rustin. Renner asked who the target audience was supposed to be in order to increase attendance. Barta suggested that we needed to advertise with flyers. Welti said that KAPJ would help advertise at the dorms and Exdel said that he would get email addresses for factuality in English and Sociology departments.

Radio Committee- Renner reported that the radio committee was going to meet on Saturday, February 21st. The committee will be applying to the J.L. Knight foundation. \$80,000 has to be raised by September. Letters will go out in April. Renner said that they will need to raise a years operating budget, \$280,000 in the next year. The Board said that they would allow the radio committee to give us envelopes and stamps and we will send their fundraising letter out to the MAPJ members.

Community Fair- Cowan and Force reported that the table at the Mall had over 100 visitors. We had several members sit at the table and people stopped by the table because we invited them to participate by voting about what they think should be done about the War.

NBAF Statement-Members raised questions as to whether there was anything that could be done about this issue. Renner suggested that the Government accountability office was the only wiggle room that we might have. Covington will try to contact the local NBAF committee and see about writing an article for the newsletter in the future.

Newsletter Committee: The next newsletter committee will meet on February 26th, at 7:00 at Cowan's home.

Annual Meeting: Covington reported that his committee has met to plan the menu. He will meet with the rental business since they have changed hands since last year. The price of the meal was set at \$16.00 per person and half price for students.

Exdel will take care of the liquor so that we can have a cash bar.

Renner requested that the board narrow the topic for the speaker for the workshop and annual meeting address. After discussion it was decided that the speaker would concentrate on more effective strategic planning for progressive coalitions and help us to develop our capacity for action and help us better involve our members. The workshop will take place from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 and the annual meeting will begin with appetizers at 6:30 at the Golden Wok with the buffet opening at 7:00. Renner and Cowan will take care of transporting and caring for the speaker.

Fundraising- Tveite, Cowan, and Force will meet and get name and phone numbers together for people who have donated in the past. Covington requested the past history of giving of people that we will contact if possible. Names will be divided among board members and they will contact people and ask them to make a donation. Tveite will put together a talking point script and send it out to board members.

New Business-

The organization 'Courage to Resist' has contacted us and would like help from MAPJ in supporting Ft. Riley GI who have connected them. Barta suggested that this go out on our website.

"Kansas Action Network" requested annual dues of \$200.00. The committee decided to support them with dues.

The speaker Vandana Shiva will be on campus. It will cost \$18,500 to bring her here. We have been asked to help sponsor her visit. Tveity will investigate this and send details out on the listserve.

Movies on the Grass- MAPJ will help to sponsor next summer.

General Petraeus will be in Manhattan giving a Landon Lecture in late April. KAPJ and the campus Amnesty International club will post the flags for fallen soldiers, hopefully in front of McCain auditorium. Buck will contact people in K.C. Carol will contact Ira, for a protest of his visit.

With no future business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Force