

# MAPJ BOARD January 17, 2007

## WELCOME

### PRE-MEETING

Board Members in Attendance: Anne Cowan, Alley Stoughton, Jon Tveite, John Exdell, Carol Barta, Chris McGregor, Bill Dorsett, Greg Covington, Megan Bindel

Staff Members in Attendance: Evan Leonard

Staff Members not in Attendance: Alissa Vining

Board Members Not in Attendance: Christopher Renner, Susan Allen, Lisa Hamer, Sam Lacy, Sara Fisher, Jim Mitchell, and Lyman Baker

Jeff Stilley, Mel Pooler, and Glenda Phillips visited

The mailbag was reviewed

### MEETING

**Additions to Agenda** – Greg Covington asked that an agenda item be added to New Business regarding board functionality and decorum. There were no objections to this addition.

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

### REPORTS

**Invitation from Salina Group** – The Salina Peace and Justice Group invited MAPJ members to attend protest events during the A-10 Warthog Bombing Competition at Smoky Hills Weapons Range in October 2008. It was decided that MAPJ would send people and decisions on details would take place at a later time.

**Treasurer's Report** – There is currently \$23,080.73 in all accounts including \$283.34 in grant money. MAPJ received a check from Howie's for \$17.84 as an anonymous donation from recycled cans. It was suggested that this be advertised as a way for further fundraising for MAPJ. Evan is working on organizing various receipts from Clafin Books. Current fundraising returns total \$16,112.54. Reminder letters have been sent to donors who have not yet contributed. The board authorized Anne to deposit \$8000 in a Certificate of Deposit.

**Campus Update** – The SEA is currently planning an event, but further details were not yet available. A sustainability resolution is being presented to the Student Government Association urging for more sustainable practices on campus. The SEA will be featured on the PBS program "Sunflower Journeys".

**G.I. Rights Workshop** – The workshop is on track. An estimated 25 participants are planned to attend. There is still room at the location for more volunteers.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**2008 Budget** – There was lengthy discussion regarding the 2008 MAPJ budget. It was decided that a total projected budget of \$26,150 for 2008 would be adequate for all planned MAPJ work. A fundraising goal of \$23,120 was also set.

**Annual Meeting** – A tentative yes reply has been received from Ray McGovern to be a speaker at the annual meeting. Jon Exdell is remaining in contact with Mr. McGovern for further developments regarding his availability. Kathy Kelly is available for the dates of April 12-14. A \$400 stipend including airfare from Chicago O'Hare was decided on.

Lengthy discussion on the location of the annual meeting took place. Evan Leonard is checking with the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Jon Exdell said he would talk to the Unitarian church. Greg Covington is to talk to the College Avenue Methodist Church. All would report their findings back at the next meeting.

Discussion on catering possibilities took place. Edesia, which catered last year's events was mentioned. No consensus regarding a caterer was reached.

**Speaker Series** – Ray McGovern was mentioned as a good possibility for a spring speaker for the series. Discussion took place for tentative fall speakers. Names included Amy Goodman, Bruce Fein, Juan Cole, Paul Craig Roberts, Phyllis Bennis, and Greg Palast. Jeff Stilley stated he would attempt to contact Greg Palast.

**Iran Action** – There are no current plans for further group action regarding Iran. "No Iran War" signs are still for sale. There was lengthy discussion on preparations for a possible civil disobedience training seminar. Glenda tasked to work on further Iran protest projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Manhattan Community Fair** – Discussion took place on possible table displays for the event. Volunteers are also needed to work the table.

**Board Nominations Committee** – Volunteers for the Board Nominations Committee include Anne Cowan, Chris McGregor, Greg Covington, and Bill Dorsett. The committee will meet and report back to the board with its decisions at a later time.

**Board Functionality/Decorum** – Greg Covington asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting concerning board decorum and functionality. Brief discussion took place and an item was placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next board meeting.

**Harvest of Hope Dinner** – Mel Pooler visited and invited MAPJ members to attend the Harvest of Hope. The event is sponsored by the Regional AIDS Project and will be held at the College Ave. Methodist Church on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Senator Nancy Boyda is scheduled to speak.

**Newsletter** – Evan was tasked to remind Lisa Hamer for newsletter articles.

**Adjournment** – Carol adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next board meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>.