

Minutes – MAPJ – Thursday, July 17, 2008

Present: Carol Barta, Alley Stoughton, Greg Covington, Anne Cowan, Christopher Renner, Megan Bindel and Jon Tveite. Also: Non-bd member Jeff Stilley

Minutes of past meeting accepted without changes.

Treasurer Report: In all accounts = \$21,462.93

Campus Report: Alissa Vining has resigned. Entire concept of campus coordinator will be looked at for present needs and goals.

Megan reported the Cia Verscheldon, advisor for KAPJ is leaving KSU for a year and Molly McGuire, chair of KAPJ has decided to take a year off from KSU to work on Obama campaign. This leaves KAPJ in need of leadership. A Fair Trade speaker is available for fall thru Frank Neff in KC. Cowan will call Tory, contact David Jones. Stilley will get name of Fair Trade chair and send to Cowan.

Newsletter: Terrie Clark has agreed to return to edit the newsletter for August as Lisa Hamer has left the area for law school. Decided that the new MAPJ hire should have skills to do work on the newsletter. Cowan will contact Terrie with information.

Newsletter to be mailed August 20. Renner will do layout. Suggested content:

October event in Salina

CCH – info from Renner

McGovern presentation – Exdell and Stilley

MOG – Tveite

Radio station status – Renner

Report from Stan Hainline trip to DC - Covington

Health care project in KS from Mark Larson in Lawrence

GI Rights report – Cowan

Hiring: Decided to advertise for a person, preferably a student, for 10-20 hours a week. Position would cover both MAPJ coordinator and campus organizer. Employee will be expected to be in our office at UFM for ½ day a week. Will send out notices August 1. Will send out over many listserves, CES, and the Collegian. If minimal response, will put ad in Mercury. Carol will write up job description and ad.

Movies on Grass: MAPJ sponsored film is Sept 21, 2008

There is need for 12-15 volunteers from MAPJ as we are responsible for putting up the screen, tables, table information, prizes for drawings, announcements and for post film discussion. Jon Tveite will moderate the event for MAPJ. Bindel and Cowan volunteered to help.

Energy Policy Forum Monday, August 18, 2008 – Manhattan Public Library
Co-sponsored by Sierra Club, League of Women Voters and MAPJ. Barta will moderate. Tom Hawk, Sydney Carlin, and Stephanie Cole (Sierra Club) have agreed to be part of the forum. Barta will contact Reitz about being on panel. Chris Cardenale has not yet responded to the invitation to be a main speaker. Barta will contact Cole about being the speaker or helping to contact Cardenale. Renner will contact Bruce Snead.

Barta requests suggestions for questions.

Publicity for Forum: Postcard will be sent on August 7-8. Barta will send the Sierra post card to Renner who will adapt it for MAPJ mailing. Cowan will contact Claflin about printing and can they do the mailing. Cowan will deliver to Barta a thumbdrive of the MAPJ data. Barta will convert it to Excel and be able to pull proper addresses to use. All agreed that the MAPJ database should be taken out of ACCESS.

Fundraising: A committee has not been formed. Cowan and Leonard had agreed to be on the committee if someone else forms the committee. Mailing should be in September.

Programming: Stilley reports Ray McGovern is set for October 7 in Forum Hall. McGovern may be able to stay in town a few days. He seems anxious to do this. MAPJ will be responsible for \$500 of the cost of McGovern. Remainder will be from SGA. Patricia Williams is a possibility for Spring 2009.

Cowan mentioned the speaker, Jane Anne Morris who will be touring this area in November. Will send information to Stilley and Exdell. She is author of "Gaveling Down the Rabble, How Free Trade is Stealing Our Democracy"

Legislature Committee: Stilley reported. Exdell is setting up some planning meetings for August 6 and 10. MAPJ members will discuss actions to be taken.

GI Rights: Cowan reported on status and need for money. Project will need about \$2000 a year plus an additional \$1500 for start up funds. Most of start up fund is for the website which is a very important part of this project. Churches and some individuals are being contacted for support. MAPJ BD decided to fund a matching grant for up to \$1000.

Potlucks: Since attendance had dropped to less than 10 at monthly potlucks, the value of event was discussed. Decided to try monthly events at 7 or 7:30 serving just beverage and a snack. Will plan on showing "Voices in Wartime" on August 4.

Robert Bowman: Bowman is available on August 6 during his present tour. It was decided that this is a bad time for bringing in such a person. People are not in town and time for planning is very short. It would be possible for him to be on Renner radio if he came in on that Thursday and possibly be interviewed by Richard Baker and/or be on KMAN. Covington will visit with Bowman about the radio possibilities and about the otherwise lack of audience and money.

Advocacy: Covington would like wider distribution of information and correspondence so it includes all Ks US representatives and senators.

CCHW: Decided to give \$300 to CCHW this fall. Will go toward cost of Janet Murgea speaking on immigration.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2008
Submitted by Anne Cowan