

## **MANHATTAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACE & JUSTICE**

*Board Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2008 – Manhattan Mennonite Church*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Barta (chaired), Glenda Phillips, Christopher Renner, Alley Stoughton, & Jon Tveite.

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Megan Bindel, Greg Covington, Anne Cowan, Bill Dorsett, John Exdell, Sara Fisher, Lisa Hamer, & Sam Lacy.

Previous meeting minutes were accepted.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In all accounts there is presently \$22,340.32. Of that \$115.58 belongs to GI Rights project. \$1392.77 is left in the Resist grant. All bills are paid except for the cost of the last newsletter. We are presently saving money from the budgeted amount due to 'no coordinator' and 'no workman comp insurance.' We need to give the P4P some money. Did we decide on \$200? I will give Glenda a check when she picks up the MAPJ boxes. The board agreed to give \$200 to Pastors for Peace.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** No report.

**CAMPUS UPDATE:** None.

**NEWSLETTER:** We need a new editor. How about a journalism grad student? Possibly, but past experience has shown they are busy and not that interested in progressive issues. Could we make it part of the coordinator's job? Those present agreed to that. Newsletter work could be a good use of our UFM office time – reminding people of what they promised to write. Jon T. agreed to help with the copy editing, and the content is determined by the newsletter committee. There are always last-minute decisions to be made, however. They often end up in the layout person's hands.

Also, we need to establish a clear policy about not reprinting articles without permission. Permission is generally not that hard to get, especially from like-minded sources.

**MOVIES ON THE GRASS:** Use the listserv to solicit volunteers. We need at least 6-8 people to help set up the screen and the tables. Jon T. has already agreed to be MAPJ's event host and will organize volunteers. Jon T. will ask Donna Shenk-Hamlin whether we are responsible for door prizes.

**PASTORS FOR PEACE:** Next Tuesday at First Congregational, 6:30 start. Potluck.

**COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT & FUNDRAISING:** No reports on either.

**TOM HAWK:** Plans to have a meeting before the final coal plant vote fell through (and the veto held). Do we want to schedule something else with Hawk on the issue? Yes, but we want to address KS energy policy in a substantive way – not just provide a platform for his rationale. Proposal: get a good speaker and invite the legislators to respond, enter a dialogue. Christopher

suggested Chris Cardinal and volunteered to contact him. Carol will contact Sierra Club and League of Women Voters to co-sponsor. Venue: Manhattan Public Library (Carol will check schedule). Date: August 12. We should consider radio and newspaper ads.

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UFM COMMUNITY RADIO PROJECT: The application of our only competition has been dismissed by the FCC for technical flaws. They have only 4 days left to appeal, and if they don't, we should get the license relatively soon. Capital fundraising campaign is next. We need about \$200K to get started by the end of the year. Christopher has been looking for nationally produced content and also teaching classes at UFM to develop local "citizen-journalists".

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SALINA PEACE EVENT (OCT. 13-15): Plans are progressing. Monday (10/13) will be the non-violence training. The forum with speakers will be Tuesday (10/14), and the civil disobedience action at the airfield will be on Wednesday (10/15). They are building a good relationship with the Salina Chief of Police. We have sent \$500 already, and we need to start seeking commitments for people to go. The registration will be just \$30, so we should offer subsidies for interested MAPJ people.

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DEFUNDING THE WAR: The campaign to pressure Boyda and others in the KS delegation is headed by John E. and Jeff S. – no report yet. How about organizing a letter-writing effort to publish in KS newspapers? We need to come up with some tough questions and just keep asking them.

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POTLUCKS: None planned for July or August. We may want to reevaluate the practice in the fall, see about changing formats (speakers or videos without food?).

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, July 17.