

MANHATTAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

Board Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2008 – UFM Building

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Barta (chaired), Susan Allen, Greg Covington, Anne Cowan, Bill Dorsett, John Exdell, Lisa Hamer, Sam Lacy, Alley Stoughton, & Jon Tveite.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenda Phillips, Mel Pooler, & Jeff Stilley.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Megan Bindel, Sara Fisher, Chris McGregor, & Christopher Renner.

Previous minutes accepted, with corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$22,979.64 in all accounts. \$150 will go to the GI Rights project. The Resist grant money is gone.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Glenda Phillips has agreed to be nominated for the board. Barbara Gehring is planning to find someone from the Mennonite Church. Megan has agreed to become board secretary.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Hasn't gotten going yet. Looking for new members – someone on campus (Jeff or Megan? Ellen Welty?) – and someone else not on the board. Ray McGovern is coming in September. Board agreed not to start speaker series this spring. There are no Lou Douglas lectures this fall, but CCHW is 9/21-26. Patricia Williams a potential speaker, maybe RE: the election? Naomi Klein? The goal is to do two speakers in the fall and another in spring.

BOARD PROCESS FOLLOW-UP: Carol compiled the following list of suggestions from our discussion of board process at the last meeting:

Instead of reacting to crises, work on educational and preventative activities.

We need to spend more time discussing details in committees and less time in board meeting.

Trust committees and don't second guess.

Reach out and get more members involved.

We should table ideas if we get bogged down and can't reach consensus.

Have one person from a committee report activity to board to facilitate process.

Remember time is an issue & be in the moment.

Need more structure for what the committees do.

Better follow through.

Include more students on committees.

Watch out for unrealistic expectations.

There is only so much we can do, so we need to be tolerant of ourselves.

Need to clarify our platform (mission?) to lessen conflict.

BOARD E-MAIL POLICY: Discussion, but no changes to John's policy draft.

ANNUAL MEETING: Contract – some menu changes, other negotiations in progress. Minimum charge from Golden Wok is \$1610, but there is some flexibility on crowd size. \$1740 will cover more than 80. \$16 is the committee's ticket price. Greg will get a contract for Anne ASAP.

Reservations – Anne and Megan will take them. Will need help calling people a week before the caterer's deadline (4/1): Glenda, Lisa, Carol agreed to help Anne.

Publicity – Many listserv messages, with menu teasers, refer to website. Church bulletins? Lisa will create an abstract for churches from the newsletter text. Jeff will use the campus listservs. We can get a PA for free from Atwood Rental.

NEWSLETTER: Committee met last Saturday, worked out the plan. Articles are due on Saturday, ready for mailing to promote annual meeting (front page).

GI RIGHTS: Organizational meeting Saturday, 3/29, 10am at the Mennonite Church. Looking for people to support the effort, not serve as counselors.

CAMPUS UPDATE: SEA panel, 4/16: "Local Food, Local Folks". Listserv announcement from Jeff. Alissa is working on a plan to merge KAPJ & ProCo.

BYLAWS: Discussion on consensus, especially on board listserv – need for more just a survey was affirmed. If someone is opposed to a measure and states as much via e-mail, that is not necessarily a vote to block to consensus. The Chair should sum things up and ask if dissenters really want to block.

COORDINATOR: Evan has resigned. Committee needed to advertise position and interview candidates: Carol, Anne, & Jon T.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: Susan has reserved a spot. Meet at 10am on Saturday (3/15).

IRAQ ANNIVERSARY: Next Wednesday – special note calling for larger protest on the listserv. Idea for a sign: death toll turning, like an odometer.

FLAG MEMORIAL: Flag-planting will take place Sunday, 3/25 – volunteers welcome. Press release will go out from K-State Media Relations office. Tabling outside of the Union planned for the whole week – need amplification for MLK Jr.'s anti-war speech. There will be signs with information about the war and the display – Glenda and Bill volunteered.

APRIL POTLUCK: 4/7 – Amnesty International students? Yes, if Alissa can track them down.

WHEELS OF JUSTICE: Will be here from Thursday to Monday, April 10-14. They could do civil disobedience training – Sunday afternoon, post-banquet? Looking to park their bus in City Park. Kelly will speak on campus @ noon on Monday. Still trying to get her on KMAN. Jeff got \$500 for her from SGA – will be added to the MAPJ money we have already authorized.

PASTORS FOR PEACE: Coming through Manhattan on June 24.

NATIONAL MEDIA REFORM CONFERENCE: Christopher has asked for support for 6-10 people @ \$195 each for registration. The board would like more information.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, 4/17.