

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

Additions were made to the Agenda.  
With one correction, the minutes were approved.

Cowan shared mail with members of the board.

**Treasures' Report:** Cowan reported that our current balance is \$22,661.23. Cowan also shared a request from Wonder Workshop. Wonder Workshop asked for help to raise money for their new above ground pool for their camp, which will cost \$6,000. The board agreed to give \$100.00 from our community events/local section of the budget. There was one other request for the group, from the "End the Occupation". The board will give \$200.00 to this organization. Exdel suggested that the board pay it and inform the membership about how the board feels about the issue. Ideas to accomplish this were: add this issue to our flyer, write an editorial for the next newsletter, or write an editorial for the Manhattan Mercury. The board decided that more needs to be done with this issue in the future.

**Coordinator's Report:** Victor reported on the events taking place on campus. The Amnesty International club has been writing letters regarding the death penalty to Kansas Legislature and Rob, has written three editorials for the Collegian on human rights. KAPJ has tabled several times to get the pulse of the campus regarding human rights. Anne and Victor met with the Amnesty International organization at Manhattan High School with the faculty leader, the student president and vice president. Force reported the no work has been done on the General Myers issue as members of the committee have not followed through. Covington is working with political professionals to see that this issue continues to stay on our agenda.

**El Salvador:** Cowan Reported that a new President has been elected in El Salvador. Cowan reported that the President is a centrist and wants to dedicate his administration to Oscar Romero. Cowan suggested that we put an update on El Salvador in the next newsletter.

**Radio Committee:** Renner reported that the committee had met. The committee is working on several new grants and that a mailing for raising funds will take place soon. A membership form went out in the last newsletter.

**MAPJ Movie series:** On April 21<sup>st</sup> "Occupation" will be shown. Renner may ask for money for the showing of "What the matter with Kansas" the now famous book which has been turned into a documentary. The move will be shown in the fall in the Sept or Oct. slot.

**Fall Speaker Series:** Tveite has tallied the speakers that the board is most interested in having in the Fall, he will follow up and begin the invitation process.

**Movies on the Grass:** Tveite reported that the committee is moving forward with its work. The board suggested the movie "Wetback" to Tveite. Tveite will take this suggestion back to the committee.

**NBAF:** Covington reported that he and Dorsett met with the group and that members of the community as well as people from the live stock association are still concerned about this issue. He will continue to follow the issue and report back to the board.

**Newsletter:** Cowan reported that the newsletter had been folded on the night before, and that the newsletter was being sent out. The next newsletter will come out in June a few weeks before the "Pastor for Peace" event.

**Annual Meeting:** The workshop will take place at the Congregational Church. The issue was raised as to which groups should be invited; a list was generated by the board. Discussion of the need to phone members and past attendees took place. Cowan reported that she had the attendance lists as well as calling lists from last year's meeting, but she is leaving town for a trip tomorrow. Covington said that he will retrieve the lists from Cowan's house after the meeting, noting that his committee may take-on some of the calling chores, but believes that any comprehensive calling effort should be divided amongst a number of board members, not just his committee. This will be pursued via listserv and phone.

**Fundraising:** Cowan reported that \$12, 710 has been raised. Cowan requested that the board report to Victor the results of their calling asking people to contribute.

**General Petraeus-** Petraeus is scheduled to deliver a Landon Lecture at McCain Auditorium on 4/27. Tveite will send out a fact sheet. It was suggested that people gather around 1:30 for our protest. The campus Amnesty International is coordinating the placement of flags on Campus to create another exhibit protesting the Wars and to remind people of our military personnel's human toll. The flags will be placed on campus the day before. Covington desires that we attempt to locate flags around McCain Auditorium to augment our protest. Tveite will contact people from the Topeka peace group, Covington will contact peace activists from Kansas City and the Lawrence IVAW and Renner will contact people from Lawrence. Coalition for Peace.

**Tax Day-** With so many people filing their taxes online Renner suggested that tax day be dropped or postponed. The board decided that they want to do something for tax day; Tveite will contact Stan Cox and move forward with the issue. Covington expressed his concern that if MAPJ is going to pursue the Income Tax issue with fliers and an assembly at the Post Office again, the group should not continue to ignore the root problem; the involvement of the Private Federal Reserve Banking System. Covington added that the time seems ripe, particularly now that more of the public might realize the connection between the current economic crisis, the bailouts, the Fed and Income Taxes. Covington expressed further concern that the endless creation of worthless fiat money out of thin air is a huge factor contribution to the devaluation of the US dollar and hyperinflation, especially since there is nothing of intrinsic value backing the money such as gold or silver. Renner rejected this position. Tveite reported that he sees no difference between the fiat money the Fed creates and a currency backed by gold because the value of each is based on faith.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Force

