

MAPJ Board Meeting 5/15/2008

Present: Megan Bindel, Carol Barta, Greg Covington, Jon Tveite, Anne Cowan, Glenda Phillips, Alley Stoughton, Bill Dorset, John Exdell

Also Present: Jeff Stilley, Alissa Vining, Martin Bates and Janie Stein of Salina People for Peace

Not Present: Sam Lacy, Christopher Renner, Lisa Hamer

Treasurer's Report:

\$22,547.87

Pending \$500 from SGA for Kathy Kelley (excluded from total)

Awarded \$1500 from RESIST Grant

\$114.30 in G.I. Rights

\$800 will go to the Salina People for Peace Event

\$500 was committed to Movies on the Grass

Program Committee:

Ray McGovern is the first planned speaker for the fall, to speak before the election. Pending the dates decided on by Lou Douglass, he will be scheduled for one of two Tuesdays in October, either Oct. 7 or Oct. 21.

The second hopeful speaker is Patricia Williams, who would speak after the election, in a "what next" type of speech. Some people are hesitant to bring her back since she was here so soon; she was a great speaker, but there are concerns about attendance. We are waiting again for Lou Douglass to open a November Tuesday after the election. Lou Douglass might have us co-sponsor a speaker, though this isn't for sure.

Chris gave us an update of Community Cultural Harmony Week. They will be bringing Helen Thomas to speak on Sept. 23 and want to know if we would like to co-sponsor because Lou Douglass denied them.

Campus Update:

There are KAPJ officers for next year: P- Molly McGuire, VP- Prairie Meyer-Hesler, Tr- Ashley Brown. Cia Verschelden is the new advisor.

ProCo is still in hopes of being more active. Mariel promises to do more. We're still looking at merging some of the umbrella social groups.

The KSU Social Justice Alliance Highway #177 cleanup is scheduled for May 31 at 10:00. We need volunteers.

Salina People for Peace:

Martin Bates and Janie Stein came from the Salina People for Peace group to ask for help in their upcoming demonstration against the Warthog bombing and strafing competition (www.hogsmoke.com). The event will be Monday Oct. 13th – Wednesday Oct. 15th in Salina. Monday all day will be nonviolence training and background and prep for civil disobedience training with people present from both sides, and again on Tuesday afternoon. The conference will include speakers and entertainment, as well as an opportunity of civil disobedience. They have been working with the Salina Police. Cost of participation will be about \$30, possibly allowing individuals to pay more/less depending on their situation.

MAPJ has agreed to do the following:

Cosponsor the event through funding, advertising, and attendance.

Committed \$500 as a donation, and will scholarship 10 people to come (\$300)

Save-the-date in the June newsletter, and maybe a story later.

GI Rights:

Final decisions on the phone system are being made with the total cost of the project estimated at about \$2000/yr. Lay counselors are meeting and training to answer phones and work with the GIs. The Friends of the GI Rights fell apart will need to be reorganized.

Newsletter:

Articles need to be in by June 1, will be out mid-June. This will be Lisa's last newsletter, so a new editor is needed.

Movies on the Grass:

Jon Tveite has been attending the meetings.

MAPJ will be sponsoring *Darwin's Nightmare* about global trade and the disruption of ecosystems. The other hopeful films were too expensive. Maybe *Body of War* can be brought later in the year and Thomas Collins can come speak, UPC could sponsor it.

There are four films: *Hacking Democracy* (8/31), *I know I'm Not Alone* (9/13), *King Corn* (9/20), and *Darwin's Nightmare* (9/27). *Check on these dates

MAPJ's screening of *Darwin's Nightmare* will close the series.

What is needed of MAPJ: volunteers to set-up/tear down/run event, handouts, tabling, etc.

We also might co-sponsor MOG's screening of *Hacking Democracy*.

Pastors for Peace:

Date and Location set: Tuesday, June 24th at First Congregational on Poyntz.

Glenda Phillips will make arrangements for this program and will write the articles for the newsletter and the website. The plan is to begin around 6:30 and have a potluck followed by the speakers.

Committee Recruitment:

Legislative Strategy committee head by Jeff and John Exdell. Need non-board members. Jon will be working on recruiting from the annual meeting list.

Fall Fundraising Timeline:

Fundraising has been moved to Fall 2008, to begin September after Labor Day with a mailing.

So far Anne and Evan are on the committee. 3 more people are needed to set up, plan, write, mail, etc.

Evan tentatively has agreed to work on the letter.

Workman's Comp:

Is cancelled because it was ridiculously expensive for how few employees/hours and how small the risk. Instead, \$200/year will go to employees if they have an insurance opportunity as long as there are only a few employees.

Resist Grant:

We were only awarded \$1500 this year in place of \$2500. Anne is going to find out why.

Request from Tom Hawk:

Tom Hawk wants to speak about his decision regarding the coal plants.

There was discussion of several possibilities of having him speak, but it doesn't seem it could happen before May 29. No final decisions were made at the meeting.