

MAPJ Board Meeting Minutes—May 23, 2009

The MAPJ board met on May 23rd, 2009. Members present were Chair Jon Tveite, Treasurer Anne Cowan, John Exdel, Carol Barta, Christopher Renner, Newsletter editor David Buck and MAPJ coordinator Victor Force. Guests at the meeting were Melisa Posey from Ordinary Women and Glenda Phillips coordinator for Pastors for Peace.

Minutes-The board accepted the minutes from the April meeting.

Ordinary Women: In order to accommodate her schedule Melisa Posey asked to be placed at the top of the agenda. Ordinary Women is working to bring Dr. Vandana Shiva to Kansas State University, in October of 2009. The cost of bringing her here is \$18,000. Ordinary Woman has raised all but \$2,470. Posey asked the board to help with Dr. Shiva's expenses. The board agreed to give Ordinary Women \$500 towards the speaker's expenses.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: With all bills paid Cowan reported that MAPJ has \$19,819.33 in the bank.

Campus Report: Due to summer break, there was no report.

Movie Series/KONZ Radio- Renner reported that the next movie will be shown on June 9th at 6:30 at the Manhattan Public Library. June's movie is titled, "Rethink Afghanistan". July's Movie Series Event will be held on the 2nd Thursday and will be "Bunker Hill". The board discussed working with other groups to further our work and increase attendance.

Radio: Renner reported that the radio station had been invited by the Carolyn Pine Foundation to apply for a community grant. The grant could raise up to \$85,000. Renner also reported that letters sent out using the MAPJ membership list raised between \$12-13,000.

Movies on the Grass: The Movies on the Grass committee will have a brown bag lunch meeting tomorrow. The board suggested movies to be considered.

Speaker series: Tveite reported that Sarah Shields is available the first or second week in November. Naomi Klein is available in the spring but wants \$10,000 to come to Manhattan to speak. The board may try to get Chris Hedges for our annual meeting speaker.

Sierra Club:Barta reported that the Sierra club is exploring options for litigation regarding the Coal fire power plant in Western Kansas. Barta will keep the board posted on this issue.

Pastors for Peace: Glenda Phillips reported that Pastors for Peace will be held on July 13th, at the First Congregational Church in Manhattan. A pot luck dinner will be held followed by the presentation. Phillips will write the lead article for the newsletter about this event. The board will give Pastors for Peace \$200 which is in the budget.

Discussion of Pharr Workshop with regards to organizational change:

Members who attended the Pharr workshop got together at Cowan's house and started to process her ideas. Pharr suggested that MAPJ tried to do too much and that we had lost our identity in the community. Cowan read the mission statement and Renner suggested that we brainstorm about what we'd like to do. After we have decided on one or two topics we need to set clear attainable goals and

clear objectives. Both Barta and Renner suggested that we attempt to have a local as well as national impact. Five ideas were discussed, those were: public transportation, affordable housing, privatization of water, racial diversity, and health care.

Tveite will reconstruct this discussion and send it to the board so people will be able to process the ideas before the next meeting. Time will be set aside for the next few months in order to continue this discussion. Two other questions were raised. 1. What will we accomplish that will make people's lives better? and 2).What other groups can we work with in order to achieve our objectives?

Newsletter Committee- The Newsletter committee will need to work to get the newsletter into people's hands a couple of weeks before the Pastors for Peace event. In order to do this articles will need to be to Buck by June 17th. The Committee will meet at Cowan's house at 7:00 on June 10th to make decisions about articles for the newsletter.

With no further business, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Force

Next meeting will be June 18th at 7:00 in the meeting room at Radina's coffee shop.