

Missouri Association for Social Welfare

Central Chapter Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Central Chapter was held at 3:00 pm on July 19, 2010 at the Center for Social Justice, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Those present were: Stu Murphy, John Bennett, Kristen Walle, Rita Lindhardt, Don Cline, Barbara Ross, Larry Leip, Don Love, Debi Word and Dorothy Werdehausen.

The meeting was opened by Stu Murphy who introduced guest speaker Mark Comley from the Missouri Bar Association. Mr. Comley shared historical perspectives regarding the role of the judicial system and selection of judges. A handout was given that outlined the Missouri Plan. He stressed the importance of maintaining the current system and fielded questions from those present regarding the alternatives. Mr. Comley stated he would be willing to speak in a forum type setting if the chapter wanted. There was some interest expressed in presenting both sides of the process, the current system and one proposed by those feeling the current system does not allow for input from the citizenry.

Treasurer's Report: Currently there is a balance of \$674.85.

New Members:

Two new members were present at the meeting, Don Cline and Larry Leip who both introduced themselves and shared their interest in becoming part of the Central Chapter.

Racial Profiling Program

Don Love shared information about the David Harris - Racial Profiling and Preventive Policing Program to be held at Lincoln University Langston Hughes Auditorium on Wednesday July, 20, 2010 at 2:00. Don mentioned he could use help during the event in passing out flyers.

In preparation for the event, Don spoke on KBIA radio with David Harris calling in to talk about policing issues in Columbia. Mr. Harris will be returning to Missouri in the fall to present in Springfield and Kansas City.

Central Chapter Annual Meeting Update

Judy Baker has been confirmed as the speaker. Barbara mentioned donations are needed for the silent auction.

MASW Annual Meeting

Stu made a motion that \$250.00 be donated to the state chapter to provide scholarships for Central Missouri students to attend the annual conference. Barbara Ross seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Don shared the Taser Free group are in the process of collecting signatures to have the issue placed on the ballot.

There will be a health care program featuring Amy Smoucha on 7/26/10 at 6:30 at the Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, MO.

Father Cramer of Bonnots Mill will be talking at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 7/25/10 at 10:30.