

The Patriots' Truth

TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

**MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM
DECEMBER 11 – TEA PARTY BUSINESS MEETING – 9AM in the
LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

More info: ourmanhattan.org (website); ourmanhattan@yahoo.com (email)

FLINT HILLS TEA PARTY

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2010 MEETING

A General Meeting, held in the Groesbeck Room of the Manhattan Public Library, was called to order by Moderator, John Matta, at 9:15 AM.

Opening Prayer by Paul Barkey along with a Reading for October 16, which he felt was appropriately titled "Push On". "French were tired, 70 ships were sunk, and no bombs left, and the Colony offered up a Day of Prayer and Fasting."

Pledge of Allegiance - Lead by Larry Tawney.

Paul Barkey also shared the concerns over the Lesbian/Gay/Bi-Sexual/Transgender (LGBT) Ordinance that is attempting to be passed in the City of Manhattan. "Further Left than San Francisco, CA." City Commissioners in favor of passing it: James Sherow, Jayme Morse-Hardiman

Paul Barkey, presented the Treasury report: \$452.73 currently in the Treasury and all is designated for the scholarship fund. All bills are current and all paid, nothing owing. Encouragement needed to sell T-shirts for raising funds.

Chris Tawney presented to Paul \$35.00: \$20.00 cash from a T-shirt sale and \$15.00 check donated towards snail mail costs. Reported that T-Shirts on hand should be approximately 176.

Discussion followed regarding the next moderator. John Ford was recommended and accepted and would also fill in for John Matta should his job require him to be out of town during the remainder of his term. It was agreed that more discussion on length of moderator position and who will follow John Ford is needed and how to handle situation when unavailable during term and how the decision is made.

Scholarship Fund: John Matta, presented information.

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A separate entity, with its own tax ID number, designated Non-Profit, separate bank account and treasurer. Educational Fund vs. Scholarship Fund so that materials used for educational purposes can be funded through this account as the funding grows.

The formational meeting to establish the bylaws and elect board members will follow this meeting.

FHTP FORUM: Carolyn Wells presented the status for concern about the forum's viability due to the democratic candidates being unwilling to schedule. Spirited discussion was held in regards how to handle obvious slight by the democrats and whether to attempt one final time to "accommodate the democrats". Carolyn agreed to another reach out and action will be decided to proceed or cancel following a deadline to candidates of October 5.

Discussions regarding needs for an event planner, no decisions were made.

The Media (Core) Group represented by Larry Tawney cannot be solely in charge of planning events. Clarification was requested by an attendee of why the name Media Group. Media (Core) group gets info out to the necessary sources regarding meeting/events; now a newsletter has been started for the snail mail people, discussions of necessary items of business to bring forward to the main group and is less formal than the general business meetings and weekly meetings are open for input and are currently being held at McAlister's Deli on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Discussion regarding whether to endorse candidates and the limitations both pro and con were discussed. Currently, it is felt that members of the FHTP should be supported, i.e. Lee Modesitt for the 66th, and Dr. Susan Mosier for the 67th. It was stressed that endorsement/support by the group is just that and that no one is ever obligated to vote or support anyone other than by their own personal choice.

Further discussion of FHTP's position for assisting individuals in evaluating candidates is key in the endorsement/supporting issue especially at the Primaries, as the main parties are obligated to remain neutral. Discussion addressed the issue that is the precise time when picking a constitutionally conservative candidate is paramount if we are have the right candidate to move forward. Discussion tabled for now until specifics are addressed.

John Ford has agreed to head a group to look into the specifics of endorsement/support through voting records, sponsored bills, using groups already determining criteria such as Icaucus, AFP, Wichita Liberty. Input is welcome.

Discussion also addressed how to acknowledge members who seem to want a voice but are not active in attendance or in response to questions via the snail mail and/or email.

Discussion of changing days for the meeting and/or locations was also tabled for now but will attempt to set regular meeting dates going forward to increase participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 AM. Total of 12 In Attendance, 10 actually signed in.

Notes taken and recorded by Chris Tawney

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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

I want to give you contact information on your Congressional Representatives that will be serving you for the Lame Duck Session. You need to contact these people with your encouragement for this Session and express your hopes of what they will be able to accomplish.

District 1: Representative Jerry Moran

Contact info for Jerry Moran: Hays Office: 1200 Main St., Suite 402, P.O. Box 249, Hays, KS 67601-0249. Phone: 785-628-6401 or 785-628-3791

Hutchinson Office: 1 N. Main, suite 525, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, KS 67504-5228. Phone: 620-665-6138 or 620-665-6360

Salina Office: 119 West Iron, Suite 403, P.O. Box 766, Salina, KS 67402-0766. Phone: 785-309-0572 or 785-827-6957

Washington, D.C. Office: 2202 Rayburn House Office Building, 2202 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone: 202-225-2715 or 202-225-5124

I have been in contact with Rep. Moran's office and was told to telephone was the best way to reach him.

District 2: Representative Lynn Jenkins

Topeka Office: 3550 SW 5th Street, Topeka, KS 66606. Phone: 785-234-5966. Fax: 785-234-5967

Pittsburg Office: 701 N. Broadway Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Phone: 620-231-5966. Fax: 620-231-5972

Washington, D.C. office: 130 Cannon HOB, Washington, D. C. 20515. Phone: 202-225-6601. Fax: 202-225-7986

To email go to <http://lynnjenkins.house.gov/index.cfm?sectinid=3§iontree=3>

District 3: Representative Dennis Moore

Overland Park office: 8417 Santa Fe Drive #101, Overland Park, KS 66212. Phone: 913-383-2013. Fax: 913-383-2088.

Kansas City Office: 500 State Ave. #176, Kansas City, KS 66101. Phone: 913-621-0832. Fax: 913-621-1533

Lawrence Office: 901 Kentucky St. #205, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 785-842-9313. Fax: 785-843-3289

Washington, D.C. Office: 1727Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone: 202-225-2865. Fax: 202-225-2807.

Email: <http://moore.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=85§iontree=5.85>

District 4: Representative Todd Tiahrt

Wichita Office: 155 North Market Suite 400, Wichita, KS 67202. Phone: 316-262-8992. Fax: 316-262-5309

Washington, D.C. Office: 2441Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone: 202-225-6216. Fax: 202-225-3489

This info is on Rep. Tiahrt's site, but probably pertains to all: Washington Mail Delayed. Due to the treatment of all incoming mail to the U.S. Capitol buildings, mail may be delayed for several weeks before being delivered to Washington. For quicker service, please send an electronic message, fax or send mail to the home offices.

Kansas Senator: Samuel Brownback

<http://brownback.senate.gov/CMEmailMe.cfm>

This location gives you further info.: Overland Park Office phone: 913-492-6378.

Kansas Senator: Pat Roberts

Email: <https://www.robertsforsenate.com/Contact/>

Topeka office: P.O. Box 1495, Topeka, KS 66601. Phone: 785-354-4728

These are the Congressional Representatives for Kansas during the Lame Duck Session. The only change for the 2011 Congressional Session are: Jerry Moran will be in Samuel Brownback's position as Kansas Senator. Samuel Brownback will be Kansas Governor.

The Newly Elected to the Congressional House of Representatives Are:

District 1: Tim Huelskamp: contact info not yet available.

District 2: Lynn Jenkins: contact info same as above.

District 3: Kevin Yoder: He was in Kansas House of Representatives. The following was his email there, don't know if it will remain the same.
Kevin@kevinyoder.org.

Mike Pompoo: contact info not yet available.

I'll get this contact info out to you as soon as I can. These newly elected won't be sworn in until about the 3rd week of January and I should be able to get you this info by then.

The Newly Elected to the Senate Are:

Kansas Senator: Jerry Moran

Assuming the home office info is the same.

Kansas Senator: Pat Roberts – info remains the same.

Special Notices, Thanks and Reminders

The Flint Hills TEA Party wants to **Thank EVERYONE** who donated, money, time, devotion, thoughts, walked, talked, telephoned, wrote editorials, put up signs, took down signs, attended forums, talked to voters, prayed whatever and everything done for the candidates, and our country. I want to give special Thanks to Helen Poppe. Helen is on our Snail Mail list for the Newsletter. After receiving her last Newsletter she made **80** copies of it and send them to friends and citizens all around. Helen copied and mailed this Newsletter and then she sent me a book of stamps. I want to **Thank Helen** many times over. **Thank you!!** There have been others that sent either money or stamps for the production and mailing of the Flint Hills TEA Party Newsletter. We can't **Thank You** enough. Every area of the TEA Party needs financial assistance!! Each of us doing whatever it is we do – We are ones paying for that particular project. Each contribution from each of you is heartfelt and greatly appreciated. What was accomplished would not have happened without each and every one of you. **Thank you!!**
THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!!

For the Flint Hills TEA Party's first election we did very well. Of the candidates we supported and worked for we only had one loss – I think that was one too many, but that's the way the votes dictated. Lee Modesitt was our candidate that didn't quite make it. There was less than 200 votes between candidates. This is Kansas' loss and a big one at that. Lee is a brilliant young man with many great ideas that would have been very important and helpful to the recovery of Kansas' economy. We will be here to support Lee again and God willing help him to a win.

Nationwide there are 90 NEW Congressional Members whose election can be, at least in part, contributed to the TEA Parties. That's the good news – the bad news is there are still 23 Democratic Senators that will be up for reelection in 2012 that will need to be closely watched. It is up to us to keep tabs on all of them. We need to stay in contact with ALL Congressional members and keep them informed of our opinions what we want and we need them to keep us

informed on the things we don't know about or understand. Above I gave you the contact info on Kansas Congressional Personnel. To check on how they have voted you can go to *google, type in the Congressional persons name and "voting record"*. Voting records of ALL Congressional members are available from there. I understand many of you do NOT have computers – you local libraries do and probably most of you have friends that do. If you don't have either of these sources available to you. Go back to page 3 of this Newsletter; near the top is ways to contact TEA Party members; the snail mail contact is there. That is exactly what it is: Snail Mail!! If you want someone to actually look something up for you contact **Chuck Henderson at 785-236-1286 or me—Sylda Nichols at 785-293-2923**. Either of us will look up what you want, read it to you or print it and send it to you. We will do whatever we can to help you be informed. Just call us!!

Our Country has enough revenue to support our country **IF** Congress members use their heads and make an effort to produce a **BALANCED budget**. This means we **do not** need more taxes. The taxes that are scheduled to be forced upon us January 1, 2011 are not continuing "Bush's Tax Cuts"; they are new taxes being imposed upon us, because the administration wants more **and more and more** money.

In case you thought we are "done" now that the elections are over – you are Oh, so wrong!! Our next step is we must now let our elected officials know that we are here to support them as long as they are working in favor of **GOD, the Constitution, and "We the People"**; and here to "hold their feet to the fire" if they stray. Then there are the Spring elections – the county and city and school boards are our next concerns. The Our Manhattan group will in there struggling beside us or us beside them, however, you want to state it. Together we will work out the problems in our local areas. These elections are just as important as the one we just finished. We need to get spending, prejudices, and bullying under control at the local level. Our State Board of Education is already sneaking decisions in when we were busy with the General Election. Educational levels involve our kids directly. Let's not let **them** down. **Dig in – the TEA Party is here to stay!!** Stay and be involved and involvement **is** needed. This time we will have a head start on the 2012 elections. We have already established the TEA Party as a group to reckon with. I do believe the people of this great Country now understand that the TEA Party is NOT going to set back and let the United States of America go down the drain without a fight. **Tighten your belt – we have only just begun!!!**