

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM Depending on weather.

March 12 – Flint Hills TEA Party monthly meeting, 9:30am, Manhattan Library, Auditorium

April 9 – Kris Kobach, Sec. of State, at Riley County High School, Riley, KS – time to be announced

April 15 – TAX Day – Obamaville Bean Soup in Wamego City Park Shelter House at 11AM

April 16 – 3PM at the Riley County Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan with Joe Miller of Alaska as guest speaker

FLINT HILLS TEA PARTY

MINUTES OF March 12, 2011 MEETING

John Ford called the meeting to order in the Auditorium at the Manhattan City Library at 9:45.

Today is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. Locally it's Jordy Nelson Day!!

Larry Tawney led us in the Flag Salute.

Paul Barkey, with the help of two of Bob Readers boys, showed us the picture by Issac Potts of George Washington on one knee in front of his horse praying at Valley Forge and how it relates to his new book, "40 days of Prayer". Much prayer is needed to get us through these times. Paul led us in prayer.

The Treasurer's report was: \$169 in the checking account & \$158 on hand with no outstanding bills.

A report on the Newsletter and Snail Mail of the Newsletter was given by Sylda Nichols. Currently 31 people are sent the Flint Hills TEA Party Newsletter by snail mail. Each Newsletter costs a minimum of \$0.44 to send. We want each person desiring the information to receive it, however, it does get expensive so any and all donations for postage is appreciated. Such donations are received from those on the list from time to time. Because of this expense and not wanting to bore our readers we are adopting the policy of consolidating the articles and giving the location where more detailed info can be found.

Bob Reader from Awaken Manhattan gave a report on the City of Manhattan debts and the Gay Rights bill recently passed by the City Commission. The City of Manhattan is \$220 Million in debt – with Liabilities greater than other cities for total General Obligation Debt in comparison to other Kansas cities. Manhattan is the most indebted city per capita in the state. Putting Riley County as the 15th most indebted county in Kansas.

The Gay Rights Bill causes more problems than it solves. The Awaken Manhattan group hopes the Spring Commissioner election will result in a set of Commissioners that will revoke this bill. Petitions are being circulated by 27 local Pastors and others that will hopefully reveal that the general citizens of Manhattan do NOT want it to continue to be in effect in Manhattan.

Thank you, Bob, your information was great and needed.

A Planned Parenthood Legislative meeting is being held in Topeka on February 21. Those wanting to attend should contact Karla Parsons or Chris Tawney

Pay attention to Chuck's emails for more info on legislative action and general locations of info.

Larry Tawney reported on several happenings. The first event informed on was the State Sovereignty meeting on January 14. The speakers at that event were: Larry Pratt, Executive Director, Gun Owners of American, spoke on the Kansas Freedom Firearms Act; Paul Degener, November Patriots, spoke on Constitutional Convention and Kansas History; Dave Trabert, President of Kansas Policy Institute, spoke on Creating jobs and Prosperity in Kansas with consumer focused tax policy; Jeff Lewis, National Director Patriot Coalition, spoke on State Sovereignty; Larry Halloran on behalf of Mark Leaner, Constitutional Alliance on Surveillance Society/Real ID; Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State; spoke on AZ's SB 1070 and the Tenth Amendment. Watch Richard Fry's introduction here: <http://vimeo.com/18806714>. Kris Kobach's "voter fraud" bill is hung up in committee. Contact your elected Legislative persons requesting it to be brought out of committee for Legislative voting.

The 3rd annual date for the Flint Hills TEA Party is February 26th. We are working on an event for that celebration. Anyone have any ideas?

Plans are being made for a "Tax Day" event April 15 (that has since been changed to April 16) with Joe Miller of Alaska speaking at 5 and others. Editors note: Schedule in next Newsletter. Stay tuned plans are still taking shape. Lots of suggestions were thrown around – if you have any let us know.

It has been announced that Dick Miller and his wife Jenny are going to be moving to Sisters, Oregon later this month. We will have a Founders Day meeting and a Farewell Party for the Miller's. A day with Kris Kobach is being worked on for April. His schedule is busy, but we are working on having him speak at the Riley County High School again. Editors note: April 9 – Rally in Riley II. Schedule to be in next Newsletter.

Several of our group met in Salina with Newt Gingrich. They all sit down at a table and had a good visit. Mr. Gingrich recommended the book, *To Save America* by Adam Waldeck. The 3 major changes in America has been the New Deal, the Great Society and Obama. Liberals have become “a bad habit” in the United States.

Chris Tawney told us about one Constitution that is being given out by one Federal group that is different from the original. This will be explained in detail in a separate mailing.

It was announced by Carolyn Spillman that *ibeditorials.com* if a good location for information.

The Flint Hills TEA Party is working to have Kris Kobach speak at a happening in April. The event will probably be held at the Riley County High School.

The TAX Day event by the Flint Hills TEA Party has been changed from April 15 to Saturday, April 16. We have engaged Joe Miller of Alaska to be our guest speaker. This event will be held at the Riley County Court House Pavilion or the Wareham Building. We have a request in for Lynn Jenkins to speak also.

Karla Parsons spoke to us concerning Debt expansion and Liquidation. She recommended the book, “Beyond the Brink” along with the McAlvany Video. A location for more info is:

info@mcavany.com. Karla had lots of good info. You can contact her at: <karla@parsonscomm.com>

Many thanks to those who brought donuts and help sit up the refreshments. The early morning coffee and donuts were furnished by: Karla Parson, Matt Pennell, Chuck Henderson and Larry Tawney. Everyone enjoyed them. Thanks!!

The meeting was closed with the singing of “God Bless America”.

A hard and true fact needing to be made clear to our voting citizens AND elected officials IS: They are **elected** officials only as long as the legal voters elect them. **OUR TAXES PAY THEIR SALARY! THEY ARE OUR EMPLOYEES!** They will fill the position only as long as they are obtaining the results the voters want. The level of government is irrelevant; be it city, township, county, district, state, or federal. Their position is no different than any employee working for any boss. Without our vote they would be jobless. Elected employees, should only hold their position/office as long as their work performance is completed to the satisfaction of their boss; the people of States and Country. To be elected they need to convince the voters that they are actually going to **LISTEN** to the voters and **VOTE** according to **THE VOTERS** desires. We are not their underlings. **THEY ARE NOT A “CUT ABOVE US”.** **ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITIZENS!** We, the people, are their bosses. We believe those we elect will listen to us and proceed in setting up our laws, as we, the people, deem best for our county, state and country. We have **HIRED** them to proceed in the manner we have indicated. Only to be in that position as long as we, the people, decide they are the best possible choice.

To complete this line of reasoning, we, the people, have the responsibility of letting our elected officials know and understand what our individual feelings on the issues are. The only defense they have is if we, the people, don't let them know what our desires are: how we want them to vote. Stay abreast of what is happening. Know and understand the bills they are working on. Help those we elected understand what you want and how you want to be represented. Make every effort to keep yourself updated and educated on the issues and what they mean and

represent to and for you. Then inform your Representatives and Senators at both State and Federal levels how you want them to vote. You need to live up to your side of the deal as much as our employees do. **KEEP UP ON THE ISSUES, BE INFORMED & INVOLVED, THEN KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM. Lynn Jenkins voted to Cut the Budget – Thank You, Thank you, Lynn, keep up the good work!!**

Citizens **MUST MAINTAIN CONTACT**. Be sure your elected officials are responding to you as you want and expect them to. Then if they ignore you – **VOTE THEM OUT IN THE NEXT ELECTION!! THAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT!!**

When all else fails the “Obama” followers throw out the racial issue. Who cares? They couldn’t be more wrong!! Obama is only half black – it’s the white liberal half I have problems with!!

If you haven’t contacted your Senator & Representatives concerning the “Real ID” bill, **H.D. 418**, now is the time. **This bill is more controlling for each US Citizen than any other bill has been.** We need to make our Congresspersons understand that it **must never go into effect.** Probably what they will have to do is **defund Bill 418, Real ID. Thank you to the House Representatives**

Obama Needs to Channel Something besides President Reagan

I now know how far I can spit coffee!! I was setting down enjoying another winter blast when the nut case media darling started to gush, “How Obama was just the like President Reagan”. I spit coffee everywhere and just shook my head.

I wonder what planet she was born on.

1. Regan didn’t surround himself with Communists and Marxists and Social Progressives.
2. He didn’t knowingly appoint tax cheats and Socialists and have (How many Czar’s)
3. I don’t believe Regan needed a vacation as often and when he did he used his own Ranch.
4. I think Regan was principled to a fault. Where Obama thinks Principles ARE a fault.
5. Regan Never tried to destroy this Country or our allies nor embrace our enemies.
6. Regan wasn’t in bed with Unions and you can ask the Air Traffic Controllers.

Big and Last One!! Ronald Regan refused to spend this Country into the mess Obama has – limited government was the Answer for President Regan.

There is a lot more so Obama may have channeled some one but I don’t believe Bonzo would be happy about it either!!.

Also last but not least I know Michele Obama is NO Nancy Regan. Not by any stretch of the imagination.

So all I can say, “Please tell Barry that he just needs to be himself and pack, because with the grace of God and the TEA Partiers he has 19 months and I pray NO more.”

By Larry Tawney

P.S. Never knew Ronald Regan to play the race card.

“I’m not sure which is *sillier*, getting called all those names or getting called all those names by folks who talk about ‘TOLERANCE’ all the time.” says the TEA Party.

In MALLARD FILLMORE by Bruce Tinsley (mallardmail@gmail.com)

What would YOU cut?

The heritage Foundation has identified \$343 billion in spending cuts that Congress should make right away, as a beginning to rolling back the big-government agenda of the last two years. Below is a sample of the proposed cuts. Please check each cut that you agree could be made without harm to our vital interests.

- 0 \$60 billion – Repeal unspent stimulus spending
- 0 \$6 billion – Eliminate the Community Development Block Grant Program
- 0 \$4 billion – Eliminate failed federal job training programs
- 0 \$3.96 billion – Eliminate 20 international programs, agencies and commissions
- 0 \$2.03 billion—Eliminate the Foreign Agriculture Service
- 0 \$2 billion – Scale back the Department of Education bureaucracy
- 0 \$2 billion – Ban project labor agreements on federally funded construction projects
- 0 \$1 billion – Eliminate the Small Business Administration, which unnecessarily intervenes in free markets
- 0 \$600 million – Trim the federal vehicle fleet by 20 percent (100,000 vehicles)
- 0 \$523 million – Eliminate the Economic Development Administration
- 0 \$500 million – Better enforce eligibility requirements for food stamps
- 0 \$398 million – Eliminate the Legal Services Corporation
- 0 \$300 million – Cut the house and Senate budgets back to the 2008 level of \$2.2 million
- 0 \$100 million – Tighten controls on federal employee credit cards and cut down on delinquencies
- 0 \$70 million – Require federal employees to fly coach on domestic flights
- 0 ????? – Other (your choice)

What would YOU cut?

<http://www.heritage.org/contact-heritage>

What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

Thank you, Representative Susan Mosier!!

Along with your Conservative fellow Representatives you're doing a **GREAT** job. Your votes for cutting expenses are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work!!

Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you are just sitting there.

What Egyptians Really Do Want

Islamofascism: Romantics in Western media expect “democracy” to flower from the anti-Mubarak rioting in Cairo. But polling shows Egyptians actually seek strict Islamic rule.

According to a major survey conducted last year by the Pew Research Center, adults in Egypt don't crave Western-style democracy, as pundits have blithely trumpeted throughout coverage of the unrest.

Far from it, the vast majority of them want a larger role for Islam in government. This includes making barbaric punishment, such as stoning adulterers and executing apostates, the law of their country. With the ouster of their secular, pro-American leader, they may get their wish.

Among highlights from the Pew poll:

- 49% of Egyptians say Islam plays only a “small role” in public affairs under President Hosni Mubarak, while 95% prefer the religion play a “large role in politics.”
- 84% support stoning adulterers.
- 77% think thieves should have their hands cut off.
- 54% support a law segregating women from men in the workplace.
- 54% believe suicide bombings that kill civilians can be justified.
- Nearly half support the terrorist group Hamas.
- 30% have a favorable opinion of Hezbollah.
- 20% maintain positive views of al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden.
- 82% of Egyptians dislike the U.S. – the highest unfavorable rating among the 18 Muslim nations Pew surveyed.

This empirical evidence refutes the sympathetic narrative broadcast as a continuous loop in the media over the past fortnight. Even after getting beat up by anti-American mobs, CNN's Anderson

Cooper portrayed rioters as largely secular yuppies yearning for modernity and the triumph of human rights over martial law.

He and other media have it exactly backwards: Egyptians are revolting *against* Western-style democracy. The Pew poll reveals they do not, in fact, value our principles of individual freedoms, human rights and separation of religion and state.

It is plain they do not want what we want. They want an Islamic theocracy.

And it's highly irresponsible for pundits to assume they want what we do. This is serious business, and we need to deal with facts and reality on the ground and not project our values to make ourselves feel good. The media fatuously whipped up support for a "revolution" at odds with our values and interests.

Now, with a U.S. ally expected to step down, the damage may already be done. The well-organized Muslim Brotherhood, previously outlawed by Mubarak, is in the best position to take advantage of the prevailing sentiment recorded by Pew.

This is taken from: Investors Business Daily at ibdeditorials.com on 2/11/2011

An Armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject. Gun Control is not about guns; it's about Control. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.

Blizzard Delays Bills

By Representative Richard Carlson

I trust the blizzards are mostly over for the winter.

In my seven years in the legislature this was the first time I've seen the Statehouse closed for business. Could be that's not necessarily a bad thing. However, with a 90-day legislative session it does cause a backlog and creates problems scheduling hearing times for bills.

There have been a number of tax bills being written by the legislative Revisers office that were requested by different Representatives and they are just now being read in the record on the House floor. This week they will be formally assigned to my Taxation committee and it takes about a week to schedule hearings as we must give adequate notice to the public should they wish to appear as conferees at the hearing. I should note, not one of the tax bills raised taxes, what a difference from last year!

Last Friday the House passed the pay-go change in the House rules. Monday will be final action on HR 6004. This rule change ignited about three hours of debate on the House floor. The rule will require that House members who offer any amendment on an appropriations bill that increases the amount of expenditure would be required to add a provision that decreases expenditures by the same or greater amount.

Basically if a member wishes to spend more money on a program, then they have to say where the money will be cut from the budget to pay for it. This should substantially reduce the number of

amendments to appropriations bills and work to hold the line on government spending growth. I supported the rules change.

The constitutional amendment for Kansas to opt out of the Federal Healthcare Act passed out of committee and I would hope we can vote on it shortly. I definitely support opting out of the federal act and I was please to read of the Federal Appeals court declaring the federal law unconstitutional.

I had the opportunity to spend about two hours with the new Kansas Director of Budget, Stephen Anderson. Steve is a native born Kansan, but comes to us by the way of the Oklahoma state government. He was the principle person behind Governor Brownback's budget for 2011 and 2012. Having less than two months time to construct a \$6 billion SGF budget requires not only a great deal of intelligence, but also the organizational ability to get it accomplished. He put together a budget that had a shortfall of about \$500million in revenues and a balanced budget was accomplished without a tax increase. I would hope the House can also reduce the 6 percent increase in spending the budget has in it.

Mr. Anderson has agreed to speak at the annual Republican Founders day lunch in Wamego on Feb. 20. He is an energetic speaker I'm sure many would enjoy hearing.

We want to thank Representative Richard Carlson of the 61st District for his weekly report.

House Passes Brownback's Freeze

Bill Should Create Positive Ending Balance

By Representative Richard Carlson

After almost four hours of debate, the Kansas House passed Governor (Sam) Brownback's freeze bill which transforms a projected \$50 million deficit for the current fiscal year into a \$37.5 million positive ending balance.

Because the budget for the current fiscal year serves as the base for the next year's budget every dollar saved in this year's rescission bill is worth two dollars in the 2012 budget.

In the first budget debate under the new pay-go provision of the House Rules, the House passed a responsible budget that provides a positive ending balance for this fiscal year. Pay-go has proven its value. From the debate it was clear that the House has an understanding of how the rule provides budget responsibility and discipline. The pay-go provision is working as intended and did not hamper the extensive and open debate.

I discussed the pay-go provision in last week's column and won't elaborate on it again. Just that it works and makes for a more fiscally responsible floor debate. Of course, 12 Republican members of the total 23 members of the House appropriations have now been labeled the Gang of 12, meaning twelve of us on the committee can pass out of committee an appropriations bill and suggests we control the budget process. This is far from the truth; any amendment on the House floor debate that receives the necessary 63 votes can still change the bill.

Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment: In a strong vote of 91-27, the Kansas House sent a resounding message that they will oppose the overreaching regulations of federal health care reform will limiting the right of individual Kansans to make their own health care decisions. I strongly supported this legislation.

- In November the voters made their displeasure with federal health care reform clear. The Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment allows Kansans to express their opinions on this important issue at the ballot box.
- The Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment has two main provisions – It protects a person’s right to participate or not participate in any health care system and it protects the right if individuals to purchase – and the right of doctors to provide – lawful medical services without government fine or penalty.
- The federal overhaul of health care has created uncertainly. A federal judge in Florida struck down the new health care law in early February and the case is on its way to the United States Supreme Court. The Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment will provide stability by allowing Kansans to make their own health care decisions.
- As a constitutional amendment the Health Care Freedom Amendment must receive the support of two-thirds of both chambers to be placed on the ballot. The measure will be adopted if it receives a simple majority of Kansas’s voters.
- This is not an attempt to “opt-out of” or “nullify” federal health insurance legislation. It is an attempt to protect the liberty of Kansas’s citizens to control their own medical affairs.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. If you have questions or comments please feel free to call, write or send an email. My office is in the Statehouse, Room 274 W., 300 SW 10th St., Topeka, Kansas 66612. My phone is: 785-296-7660 and my email is:

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We had lots of great help at the last meeting. The donations were good and most helpful. We want all of you who came to know we appreciate your help, be it physical or monetary. Come to the next meeting, March 12 – Same time & location!! We’ll look forward to seeing you!!

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