



## Meeting Minutes April 18, 2009

This well-attended AZ4NORML meeting started at 3:05 p.m. and everyone seemed to be in very high spirits.

### **Money Makes the World Go Round**

Mary, our treasurer, reported that we have approximately \$165.00 in our bank account. Quite a few expenses including paying for a run of chapter T-shirts as well as buying merchandise to stock our information booth. Many of the events that AZ4NORML is invited to have a fee as well as insurance so there is a cost involved in setting up a booth.

Our chapter continues to raise money by selling raffle tickets and T-shirts and other merchandise. Donations are always welcome and our group depends on the generosity of members to keep us motoring along and helping us get our message out.

### **Calendar of Events**

4/20 (Global Marijuana March)

Jon gave a really nice overview of the many events that will have our members out representing starting with the 4/20 Global Marijuana March. As one of the first cities in the world to march, Tucson will have an opportunity to show that Arizona is ready for some change in our marijuana laws. Everyone will meet at 3:30 at the Safeway store at the corner of Broadway/Campbell. The march will start at 4:00 p.m. and head north on Campbell to Cheba Hut. Some of the more ambitious members will continue marching to the corner of Speedway/Campbell. Cheba Hut is going to have Planet Jam as one of the bands and food specials.

4/20 (DV8 Nightclub party sponsored by Smiley Green).

Two of our members have volunteered to work a small information table outside.

4/20 (Mondo Monday – Reefer Madness at the Loft Theatre)

Michelle's traveling sign exhibit fresh off the 4/20 March will be on exhibit in the Lobby of the Loft before the showing of Reefer Madness.



### **Greetings From Pot Land: A Most Unusual Art Exhibit**

4/25 (KMFA Day at the TEP Fairgrounds)

Lots of members have signed up to work on KMFA Day which has already sold 11,000 tickets. Set-up will either be the night before or at 10:00 a.m. with the doors opening at noon. KORN is the big draw band this year.

4/25 (Comedian Doug Benson at the Rialto Theatre)

Starting to sound redundant here but our group will be working a small table at this event. If you can't make the event rent the DVD "Super High Me" sometime and see this self-proclaimed marijuana comedian in action.

05/02 (Global Marijuana March in Phoenix)

A caravan of members will be traveling up to Phoenix for their marijuana march. This is a very long day and we'll be eating dinner up there and expect to be back to Tucson after 10:00 p.m.

05/02 – 05/3 (Folk Festival)

A sign-up sheet is going around for interested folks to volunteer to help set-up, break-down and work the AZ4NORML information booth. Tom being the good guy that he is, volunteered to stay behind on the first day to work at the Folk Festival and not go up to the Phoenix march.

05/04 (AfroMan at Club Congress)

AfroMan a musical artist has a song called "Because I Got High" and we'll try and staff a table at this event.

07/04 (Smoke-In, Washington, D.C.)

Going on its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the Smoke-In will be a huge event with the festivities kicking off in front of the White House. Our chapter was supplied with 500 posters for the event so those will be available to hand out.

## **Got Initiative?**



The Arizona Medical Marijuana Project (AMMP) ballot initiative for 2010 is almost finalized with the final wording just being worked out. The bottom line this is an excellent first step in allowing patients to use their medicines safely. Once the initiative is in its final form Jon will put together a synopsis for our group. This initiative will have funding to pay people to get signatures on petitions so stay tuned.

This initiative is already generating quite a bit of media attention including a front page article in the *Arizona Republic* and an opinion letter written by *Tucson Weekly* columnist Kathleen O'Sullivan.. .

## **Make Your Voice Heard**

Having the spotlight on the issue of marijuana brings out opinions both favorable and unfavorable to our cause. Using your voice for advocacy is really encouraged and try to keep your message positive. Take opportunities to teach people to be tolerant of your viewpoint and be considerate of opposing views. With our wired world there are so many opportunities to voice your opinion on blogs, letters to the editor and other internet communities like MySpace.

Jon has done various media interviews with radio shows and he's got copies burned if people want to hear them.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

Once the meeting was adjourned people had time to socialize and pick up their T-shirts and other materials before calling it a day.

## **HELPFUL LINKS**

*New push in Ariz. for medical marijuana* (Arizona Republic 4/18/09)

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2009/04/18/20090418med-marijuana0418.html>

Arizona Medical Marijuana Policy Project

<http://stoparrestingpatients.org/>

Tucson Weekly opinion article by Kathleen O'Sullivan

<http://www.tucsonweekly.com/tucson/osullivan/Content?oid=1168761>