



Minutes ~ Monthly Meeting December 19, 2009

The meeting started promptly with 24 attendees. We'll be putting the past minutes on our website and our password to look at them is: greenbrownies

Elections coming up in the spring. So in March 2010 start thinking about what position you might want to run for. We'll be filling committees in the spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT ~ SHOW ME THE MONEY

Leah and Mary are working on the year end treasury's report to file with the Arizona Corporation Commission. A one page financial report was provided by Leah for our year 2009. On the report it includes assets, income, expenses. AZ4NORML has a lending library of books and media (35 DVDs) which can be used by our members. The list has been scanned and will be put up at our website. A unique email will be set up for members to send a request to info@az4norml.org to borrow any of the library's materials.

Cash donations: \$6,696.18

Material donations \$3,023.14

If you ever make a donation of materials please hold onto your receipt and submit it for our financial spreadsheet.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

AZ4NORML voted to have supporters which is similar to membership. The fee structure is still being worked out.

We are continually raising money which allows us to do more outreach in the community.

Raffle of custom M&Ms will be held today.

Tanque Verde Swap Meet -- we're looking at weekends (Saturday looks the best) to go and set up a couple of tables with merchandise and information and we can ask for donations from folks for our merch. The afternoon shift runs 3-11 pm. Stu reported that he worked this past week and from his experience Saturday evenings would be the best shift. He also indicated the early morning shift is largely Hispanic and it would be nice to have some Spanish speaking members to help with outreach for this very important

demographic. We need to translate our AZ4NORMI brochure into Espanol for our Spanish speaking community.

STEP RIGHT UP AND VOLUNTEER

If you want to volunteer for any of these events check with Chad who is our acting volunteer coordinator. Sonic Youth is already booked.
Hemp Crafts Committee is working on the Global Peace Project and if anyone has empty packaging from hemp products please donate them to the Hemp Arts & Craft Committee. We are also looking for business suits to make Ganja Marijuana Men outfits.



Tom looking snazzy as “Marijuana Man” at the 420 March.

- Peace Fair - Saturday February 27, 2010
- Susan Komen Race for the Cure - Sunday, April 11, 2010
- 4/20 March - Tuesday, April 20, 2010
- KFMA Day, Saturday, April 25, 2010
- Park/Road Freeway sponsorships

GETTING INVOLVED WITH COMMITTEES

- Membership/Newsletter/Database Team
 - Media/Legal/Coalition building team
 - Volunteer Coordinator/Events
- If you are interested in joining, see Chad after the meeting.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

- Social Networking (Website, MySpace, Facebook, Twitter) AZ4NORML.ORG
- AZ4NORML Band & Music - meets every Monday 1-4 pm. Contact Tom for the address to attend.
- Hemp Arts & Crafts committee meeting. This group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1-4. Contact Tom for the meeting place if you want to attend.

OTHER NEWS

Our chapter secretary Michelle has a small claims case against strip mall management company Larsen Baker for not allowing her to collect petition signatures outside the River Center Library. The case will be heard on January 14th, 2010 at the Justice Court located in La Placita Village.

Arizona Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative has collected 204,000 signatures. The effort is 80% complete and it looks like sometime in January 2010 when enough signatures will be collected and turned into the Secretary of State. The Marijuana Policy Project (<http://www.stoparrestingpatients.org>) is spearheading this effort.

California's Tax and Regulate an initiative to legalize marijuana has collected enough signatures and will be submitted to the California Secretary of State in January.

Mary reported about the latest Apache County case involving Matt Zubsberger who has a legal case involving possession of marijuana. Several of our members called the court and left messages showing our support for Matt.

Lanny Swerdlow a radio show host was arrested at the Yuma checkpoint for possession of a small amount of marijuana. Be careful when you drive I-8 and other checkpoints. One of our members suggested you have a cat in the car which seems to deter the police from using their dogs for a drug search.

A twenty-three year old young man was killed when he was tasered by police when he was in their custody and trying to swallow a small bag of marijuana.
<http://digits.newsvine.com/news/2008/04/30/1461296-taser-death-or-eating-marijuana-germaine-ward-of-jackson-tn-is-dead>

A new business called Ganja Gourmet opened in Colorado.
<http://ganja-gourmet.com/>

Rock star Lil Wayne was arrested at a border patrol checkpoint.
http://www.cnn.com/2009/SHOWBIZ/Music/12/18/lil.wayne.marijuana/index.html?eref=rss_mostpopular

THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE

At the end of our meeting we had a few minutes to socialize and the raffle was held and a new member won the custom M&Ms with the AZ4NORML imprinted on them.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, January 16th, 2010 at the Ward VI Council Offices. Please bring a can or packaged food item to donate to the Community Food Bank to help the less fortunate.