

# AZ4NORML MONTHLY MEETING

January 16, 2010



Meeting called to order by Jon Gettel at 3:00 pm – 24 attendees

**Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative in Home Stretch** (updates, questions).

Once enough signatures are gathered, the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act will be on the ballot November 2, 2010. The campaign is coming to a close to collecting their goal of 250,000 signatures. This ballot initiative will allow for medical marijuana dispensaries and dispensary agents.

Washington D.C. will be 15<sup>th</sup> to be medical marijuana state.

New Jersey recently became the 14<sup>th</sup> state.

Get registered to vote. Address on your driver's license must match your address. Go to <http://servicearizona.com>

You can also do Ballet by Mail which is very easy and allows you to vote from the comfort of your own home. Either voting at the ballot box or from your couch, whatever works for you just vote.

## **Upcoming Events**

Chad manages volunteers.

Saturday Feb 13 – Swap Meet. Spanish speaking members are asked to help out. Henry Ramirez is doing community service with us since we have an overwhelming need for a translator.

Peace Fair – Saturday, Feb. 27

Susan Komen Race for the Cure. Sunday, May 11. Ed will be participating representing AZ4NORML and running in the 5K.

KMFA Day . Sunday, May 11.– Metallica is the headliner this year. Same day as Susan Komen but this one starts later in the day. \$750 needed for fees. Tom will try and negotiate these fees.

Pima County Fair – Application submitted for 10’ by 10’ tent. April 15 – April 25. No fee but insurance requirements.

WorldWide Marijuana March (April 20) <http://cures-not-wars.org/wordpress/?p=7>

Phoenix NORML will be holding their March on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

### **Money Makes the Wheels Go Round and Round**

Fundraising ideas were discussed in the group.

**Looking for a Commitment?** Come join one of our many Committees

Several committees (Music Group; 420 March Committee; Hemp & Arts/Crafts are very active and volunteering to help out by staffing a booth, working on crafts or just showing your support for our chapter. The more the merrier so join in and help get things done.

**Spreading the word of Mary Jane** (social networking sites)

MySpace, Twitter, Facebook

WebStore

AZ4NORML music group needs singers. Main goal is to have fun and sing songs.

### **Misc Musings**

Hemp's Art & Crafts committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (1:00 – 4:00 pm). Ask at one of the meetings where the committee is meeting for the month since our location does change.

Awards & Honors – Michelle & Tom were given the “Order of the Apron” for their cooking endeavors. Who knows maybe this will lead to collecting recipes for an AZ4NORML Cookbook.

## **Drug Arrests in Tucson (not a pretty picture)**

Marijuana Arrest Record Statistics report. We will continue to compile and collect statistics and use it to educate the public and police.

## **Fundraising**

Chapter T-Shirt on Sale. All sizes available for \$10.00 which is a really great deal. Our costs were \$8.35 to print out. We're looking for great quality American made shirts.

We need graphic artists to help with 420 art.

Mary received an anonymous check from a donor. Check for \$18.00 and another donation for \$10.00.

## **Membership Donations**

Membership dues are accepted as donations. If you are able to fund your membership our dues are really reasonable. We have a lending library with 50 DVDs and 30 books and members are allowed to borrow these materials. Check our website out for a listing of our books and DVDs.

Individual \$50.00 per year or \$5.00 per month.

Household – 2 or more. \$75.00 or \$7.00 per month

A membership card could be given out.

Community service, seniors and students have a sliding fee schedule so ask about this.

We operate on 100% donations and no one in the organization is paid, AZ4NORML is strictly a volunteer organization.

## **Odds & Ends**

More ideas how to reach out to U of A students. Phoenix NORML has started an ASU chapter with the students there very interested in the issue.

List of current medical marijuana states: California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington, D.C. (15<sup>th</sup> State)

California assembly votes ( first state government to do so) to legalize the sale of marijuana, citizens vote for it in 2010!

Rush Hour – Marijuana Men (and Women) will be standing on street corners that get lots of car traffic. Look for a flyer to come out in February to celebrate Medical Marijuana Week (February 13-20).

Oregon citizens working to add dispensary language in their ballot initiative set for later this year.

Leadership meetings take on the direction of AZ4NORML and all issues relating to medical marijuana.

140 NORML chapters, only 14 have turned in their chapter membership reports and AZ4NORML is one of them.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes Compiled and Typed by:

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