

# AZ4NORML



## Minutes ~ Monthly Meeting November 21, 2009

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President, Jon Gettel. Twenty two attendees with lots of new faces at the meeting.

### **Last month's minutes and other housekeeping items**

A motion was made to accept last month's minutes and a brief overview of the chapter's activities at various community events including:

*350.org (Go Green event)*

*All Souls Procession*

*Blues Festival*

New T-shirt run will be planned for the spring. One of the attendees brought up a really good idea to supply your own shirt and do a screen printing on these shirts which is a unique way to inexpensively have a shirt run with our logo.

Our message is getting out there and our community outreach is an effective way to educate the public about AZ4NORML.

### **Fall Raffle rolled over to the Spring event**

The group had a discussion about our fall raffle and it was voted on to roll over the raffle into our big Spring event, the Worldwide Marijuana March on April 20<sup>th</sup>. A notice about the raffle being rolled over will be posted at our web site for anyone that wants to opt out of the Spring raffle. Several new items were added to the raffle including a tin of custom M&Ms with the AZ4NORML logo and a gift certificate for a massage.

### **Hemp it Up!**

With our presence at the 350.org event at the Chinese Cultural Center and the Fair Trade Fair at a local church, our group has now done three successful booths featuring hemp

products and information. Our booth has garnered lots of great contacts and conversations with the general public.

### **Membership has its privileges**

Commencing in January 2010 paid memberships will be available for anyone wanting to join AZ4NORML. With membership you will get discounts on merchandise (i.e. chapter T-shirt) as well as the ability to volunteer at festivals and events and work at a grassroots level for cannabis advocacy issues. The membership fee will be \$50.00 for individuals and \$75.00 for families. For members with some financial hardship arrangements will be made to help defray the cost of your membership.

### **Upcoming events – get your Ya Ya's out**

4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Street Fair – this is one of the largest events of the year and a great opportunity to hand out some literature and gather signatures for the Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative. Discussed were opportunities for a roaming group of members, wearing the az4norml shirts and handing out cards and postcards. Saturday was planned and Sunday a smaller art related hemp booth would be run by Michelle. Herb planned to do some outreach Sunday and others vowed to join him.

Tanque Verde Swap Meet – we'll be trying this out as a new outreach event and weather permitting we'll set up on a Friday or Saturday night in December.

Susan Koman Race for the Cure – this event to be held at Reid Park is one of great interest to our group and hopefully we'll be able to set up an informational table at this event.

Worldwide Marijuana March – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. AZ4NORML will be having their big march starting at Safeway (corner of Broadway/Campbell) and ending up at Cheba Hut where they'll be lots of activities including a band and the raffle drawing.

### **On the Legal Front**

The Arizona Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative is rolling along. Approximately 180,000 signatures have been collected and the members who have been collecting petitions report the public has been generally very supportive of this initiative and want Arizona to become the 14<sup>th</sup> state allowing for medical marijuana.

The elections are in for local city council offices and Nina Trasoff was narrowly defeated by Steve Kozachik. Some representatives from our group will put present Kozachik with a welcome packet after he settles into his office in early December. Since AZ4NORML meets at Ward VI we hope to continue to hold our meetings in this very central council office.

### **Committee Activities**

On Monday afternoons, the Musicians for Marijuana (MJM) meet at Tom's house. The group has put together a small play list and hopefully will have their coming out debut at one of our spring events. The MFM will be doing lots of well known cannabis tunes and

one can hope they would do “One Toke Over the Line” and maybe they could top this performance by the Lawrence Welk singers in this memorable YouTube video.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ye3ecDYxOkg>

The Hemp Committee dedicated to making crafts and signs for our various events meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Tom’s house from 1-4. If you want to attend one of the committee meetings give Tom a call and ask for directions.

### **Take Me to your Leader**

Every other Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:20 p.m. there is a leadership meeting for those interested in taking a more active role in AZ4NORML. The meetings are held at the Ward VI Council Offices and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **New Positions Open**

Our group is growing and we now have a need for some folks to step up and take a role in doing outreach on various levels including:

College Campus Coordinator. The University of Arizona is such a strong presence in the community and we need to get students more involved in our cause.

Coalition of Medical Marijuana Supporters/Attorney Outreach

Fundraising Coordinator

Media & Action Coordinator

### **News to Share**

Marijuana activist Marc Emery is still facing extradition to the U.S. and he is out on bail pending his extradition.

A caution for anyone traveling on the I-10 corridor to California. Please drive with caution because of the many police checkpoints which is especially heavy during the holidays.

### **Meeting Adjourned and next meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 and we’ll see everyone at our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m.