**MINUTES, CONFERENCE CALL 12-29-12 GMOM (Get Money Out – Maryland)**

(Minutes approved at the meeting of January 10, 2013).

**PRESENT:**

Joe Adams, Chip Barnes, Charlie Cooper, Jennifer Downs, Mary Ernsberger, Joe Garonzek, Sue Garanzek, Tony Langbehn, Michael Lore, Jackie, MacMillan, Laura Muth (Maryland PIRG), Mark Patro, Ken Sandin, Charlie Shafer, Ruth Alice White

**PURPOSE / NAME OF RALLY:** People supported ‘Money Out...Voters In! as the main title (originally from Public Citizen, Inc.). For subtitles, there was support for “Citizens United” and a Constitutional Amendment (as the main focus of the Rally). For another subtitle, people did not want “Clean Elections” but did want the word “corruption” somehow.

The following draft was wordsmithed after the meeting:

MONEY OUT . . . VOTERS IN!

Corruption Out. . . Democracy In!

Amend the Constitution: Overturn ‘Citizens United’ ! (other ideas – let us know)

**LOGISTICS / LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS:** One Hour for the Rally itself, with scheduled meetings with peoples’ own legislators before and/or after the Rally.

Develop Handout for participants at the Rally with what to do now (next meetings/calls, contact Sen. Mikulski, their legislators, etc., website info).

One of our goals (per Sen. Raskin) is to get more signatories on the Raskin letter, including leadership, and Republicans. Charlie Cooper emphasized the need to get Republican Support (especially in Baltimore County & Harford County)

Laura has a meeting with Sen. Raskin on Jan 9th to further review strategy.

We will develop a list of high priority legislative targets and track it among ourselves on a Google Document.

If certain legislators come on board, they will bring others. Example: Del. Luiz R. S. Simmons (D) refused to sign. We need to understand why certain legislators have refused.

**WHAT STATEMENT SHOULD PARTICIPANTS SIGN? (WHILE SIGNING THE CLIP-BOARDS)?**

We decided not to use the United4ThePeople statement (http://united4thepeople.org/statement.html), which is more for organizations than individuals. This is something we will want to do going forward, to develop a long list of Maryland organizations that have endorsed this statement. We could get started ASAP, while in the process of contacting organizations for Rally co-sponsorship.

Instead, participants will sign clipboards with the following:

Sign to become a “Citizen co-Sponsor” of the American Anti-Corruption Act (AACA), over 300,000 to date, Goal: 1 million. We will enter your name, email and zip at Represent.US.

The AACA would: Ensure citizen-funded elections, Outlaw members of Congress from taking donations from the entities they regulate, Disclose secret donors, Limit lobbyists, and Limit Super PACs.

(Get Money Out – Maryland will not sell or share your information with any outside group) www.GetMoneyOutMD.org

**NEW VOLUNTEERS AND ROLES:**

Tony: Posters: and will contact some Greenbelt people

Joan Cooper: Event photography

Laura: Event media outreach

Ruth Alice: Event Greeter/Clip-Board

Mark: man the camcorder

Jackie: Greeter/Clip-Board, or whatever is needed at the event.

FYI: Frank Lee is making a costume – looking for someone to wear it.

**UPDATED SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER ROLES:**

Contacting legislators: Charlie Cooper, Michael Lore

Logistics: Michael Lore

Phonebanking: Claude Guillemard, Chip Barnes?

Media: Charlie Shafer, Laura Muth, Hillary Kruh

Publicity-Contact Organizations: Michael Lore, Charlie Cooper

Publicity-General: Hillary Kruh

Banners, Props, Costumes: Joe Adams, Frank Lee, Mark Patro

Data Entry: Nancy Savage

Photography: Jennifer Downs, Joan Cooper, Mark Patro (camcorder)

Greeters/Clip-Boards: Ruth Alice White, Jackie MacMillan, Jennifer Downs, Libby Baker, Joe & Sue Garonzik, , Ann Vinup

Sign-Making: Tony Langbehn will get P.G. County folks to help; Joe Adams and Hillary Kruh will bring poster-board to Jan 10th mtg.

Still Need: Another person to help make follow-up calls to the media on the morning of the event, more Sign-Making.

Help Needed with Social Media. Please RSVP both places (FB & GMOM), comment on ride-sharing, and Forward to others:

Next Meeting:

Thursday January 10th, 6:30 – 8 pm, YMCA in Waverly, 900 E. 33rd St., Baltimore 21218

RSVP here: http://www.getmoneyoutmd.org/january\_10th\_meeting\_at\_ymca

(or on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/events/266967423428708/)

Rally in Annapolis: Thursday January 17th, 11 am, Lawyer’s Mall, Annapolis.

RSVP here: http://www.getmoneyoutmd.org/rally\_annaplis\_jan\_17th\_2013

(or on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/events/135188839970928/)

**HELP WITH CONTACTING ORGANIZATIONS:**

The website has a draft letter, and flier, to be used to seek co-sponsorship from organizations that you have connections with. Let Charlie Cooper know which organizations you have (or will) contact at charlie.coop [at] verizon.net or 410-578-8291 (H), or 410-624-6095 (m). The flier will be updated periodically to list the current co-sponsors to date. These are located as drop-downs from the page: “Jan 17th 2013 Annapolis Rally” (www.GetMoneyOutMD.org). Also listed there is a partial list of organizations we would like to engage; we’ll probably create a Google Document for this also.

**Co-Sponsors as of 12-30-12:**

Get Money Out – Maryland, Public Citizen, Inc., Maryland Public Interest Research Group, Maryland United for Peace and Justice, Progressive Democrats of America, Maryland.

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