**MINUTES Meeting of Get Money Out – Maryland (GMOM)**www.GetMoneyOutMD.orgJANUARY 10, 2013, Waverly Y, 33rd St., (Baltimore)

**PRESENT:** Joe Adams, Jim Baldridge, Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, Bernie Brown, Charlie Cooper, Joan Cooper, Jennifer Downs, Don Engel, Duane Fraver, Joe Garonzik, Sue Garonzik, Randy Goldberg, Claude Guillemard, Hillary Krugh, Michael Lore, Jackie MacMillan, Laura Muth, Tri Ngo, Max Obuszewski, Suzanne Obrecht, Arlene Ogurick, Jeffrey Pompe, Charlie Shafer, Ann Vinup

Meeting was chaired by Charlie Cooper

**SIGN-MAKING:** Need people to bring signs, lots of them. A sheet was distributed with possible slogans (also on the website). Joe offered to neatly trace lettering (using the projection method), but needs help filling-in the lettering. Added after this meeting: There will be three consecutive Sign-Making Parties: this Sunday morning January 12th at 10 a.m. – noon, Monday January 13th at 6:30 – 8:30 pm, and Tuesday January 14th at 6:30 – 8:30 pm. No RSVP required, drop-in, drop-out. Optional: you may bring one or more 20 x 30” foam boards (optional), but all materials provided. At Joe Adams’ House: 1405 Berwick Rd., Towson, MD 21204. joeadamsmd [at] gmail.com.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Minutes of December 15th meeting and December 29 conference call approved.

 **ORIENTATION TO www.GetMoneyOutMD.org:**

There is a link to the Facebook Event page for the Rally, located at the top of the Home page (The FB page is called “Get Money Out Maryland”). All were encouraged to use the FB Event page to RSVP, Like and Comment on other peoples’ posts, and of course use it to invite others.

All were encouraged to **register on the site** via FB or e-mail address (in the upper right hand corner of the Home page) to enable social media functionality, such as posting comments on virtually any page. Also, please complete the ‘**Get Updates**’ page; from there click ‘Volunteer’ so that you can provide additional info about yourself that we need, including your home address. Please check the **‘Events’ page** for multiple upcoming events.

**GMOM ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**

A new **Temporary Executive Committee** was approved, with the responsibility and authority, for the next 60 days, to make decisions between general meetings. This Committee could be extended another 30 or 60 days by agreement of the majority at a general meeting. Joe Adams, Charlie Cooper, Michael Lore (Public Citizen) , Laura Muth (Maryland PIRG) and Ruth Alice White.

**Organizational Structure Committee** was approved, to plan a GMOM organizational structure, to be chaired by Charlie Cooper. Moved by Jennifer Bevan Dangel, Seconded by Joe Garonzik. Joe Adams, Randy Goldberg, Noel Levy, and Charlie Shafer agreed to serve. Others interested in serving may contact GMOM.

**RALLY TASKS:**

Laura gave a report on **Media for the event**; Charlie Shafer and Hillary are working with her. Hillary has sent announcements to multiple newspapers, including the Annapolis Times. Some more volunteers are needed to help contact media on the morning of the event. Contact Laura at lmuth [at] marylandpirg.org or 410-467-9389 (office).

Logistics: Michael is looking for a sound system & lining up speakers. Joe suggested that **all of us are volunteers** at the event, especially to sign-in participants with the clip-boards, take turns holding up the banner, etc. Joe will provide the clip-boards.

The name was approved as: “MONEY OUT . . . VOTERS IN! Corruption Out. . . Democracy In! Amend the

Constitution: Overturn ‘Citizens United’ !”

The **Sign-In Sheet** will read:

RALLY SIGN-IN SHEET / Become a ‘Citizen co-Sponsor’ of the American Anti-Corruption Act (AACA), over 300,000 to date, Goal: 1 million.  Your name, email and zip only will be entered at **www.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

Meetings with legislators after the rally are planned.

 **THEATER AT THE RALLY:**
The plan: after some initial speakers make their remarks a CEO in costume (Charlie Cooper) will interrupt Senator Raskin, make some tongue-in-cheek remarks, while other CEOs/Corporations tape money over the mouths of audience members. Some other audience members would also tape money over their own mouths. Then a chant or intervention will occur to restore the ability to speak. Libby Baker & Frank Lee demonstrated their new corporation costume, to be worn either by Randy Goldberg or preferably someone else, since Randy could also go as a billionaire. We could have more CEO/Billionaires; Joe has several top hats. Still need to determine a sign or sandwich board to be worn by the corporation. The plan is in development, scripts need to be written, we are looking for input from anyone – please contact us. Some advised caution, practice, and focus-groups to make sure that the theater comes off well.

**STATE POLITICAL UPDATES:**
Provided by Laura Muth, Democracy Associate at the Maryland Public Interest Research Group, and from Jennifer Bevan Dangel, Executive Director, Common Cause Maryland. Some issues this year are likely to be campaign finance (public financing of elections), closing the LLC Loophole, and same-day voter registration. Jennifer noted that it is very helpful to come to Annapolis, especially when bill comes to the floor (although only short notice is available).

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** Charlie Cooper distributed a handout with target legislators who we are trying to get to endorse the Raskin letter. Charlie and Michael are meeting with the Republican leadership about this issue, and the Raskin letter.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday February 26th 6:30 – 8 pm, the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218-2437, where we will have plenty of room for a big meeting.

**ADJOURN:** at 8 pm Minutes by Joe Adams

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