**Get Money Out - Maryland**

**Policy Committee Minutes (Conference Call)**

Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 7:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Joe Adams, GMOM Secretary; Dianne Black; Wylie Burge, Chair-Designate; Charlie Cooper, GMOM President; Herb Ettel; Duane Fraver; Bob Guldin, Convener of MD Committee to Amend; Hillary Kruh, GMOM Board Member; Michael Lore; Adam Renner; Angad Singh, GMOM Board Member.

**NEW RECRUITMENT DOCUMENT:**  Herb reported on the creation of a new document (developed by himself, Ryan Clayton and Sen. Raskin, with input from Charlie) to be used for presenting the issue to other organizations (working title: the document for the Maryland Campaign for the Free & Fair Elections Amendment). This will be posted in the Resources/Links section of the GMOM website. It was noted that this is an excellent resource.

**RALLY CO-SPONSORS TO DATE:**

MD Committee to Amend
Maryland United for Peace and Justice

Wolf PAC

Common Cause MD

Maryland PIRG

Peace Action Montgomery
Progressive Neighbors

Charlie is pursuing final written confirmation from Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Angad will contact Charlie Shafer of Baltimore MoveOn.org, and members of the former Frederick Move to Amend group in the Frederick area. Public Citizen: Won’t be a full sponsor, will help publicize. Michael Lore will check to see if they want their name listed publicly.

Progressive Democrats of America: Mike Hersh is on PN steering committee, heard presentation from Sen. Raskin & Ryan Clayton, personally supportive, may help influence national PDA. By Jan 1st, PDA is starting a Maryland Chapter. Probably will support both the Rally and the Bill. Herb is pursuing NAACP.

Mark Patro and Charlie are trying to get publicity from Maryland Moving Forward Network , which maintains a list of 30,000. Bonnie Lane is pursuing United Workers.

**Maryland Campaign for Free and Fair Elections Amendment:** In parallel with sponsorship of the rally, we are seeking to sign up organizations that support the Raskin Resolution. Charlie will make sure that everyone on the Policy Committee has a copy of the latest version of the sign-on letter. Herb reported that MUPJ is on board, and the following are likely to support: NAACP, Progressive Maryland, PDA. Maryland Committee to Amend will decide in January after seeing final language.

Legislators likely to Co-Sponsor: Delegates Bobo, Hixson, Lafferty, Luedtke, Mizeur, Pendergrass, Turner. Also Senators Carter Conway and Pinsky

**RALLY PLANNING:**

How many legislators should actually speak? Not necessarily all Mike: Let them know in advance that they’re expected to speak, and when to show up: 1 – 2 minutes each, longer for Raskin, etc. Charlie will circulate a draft agenda for the Rally.

Rally should end at 11:45am to allow time for lobbying. Need to plan for quick clean-up to allow time for lobbying. Wylie will maintain a list of all jobs needed: Rally floor team, lobby team, clean-up team. Angad is not working in January and will be available to take some assignments. The following have volunteered: Angad, Joe, Noel, Wylie, Bonnie.

Charlie: will speak with Mark Patro about the flier, needs a deadline. Guy Arceneaux will supply the graphics.

Lobby team should call legislators in advance to let them know we’ll be there, and possibly notify securitiy in advance. People should be reminded to bring photo IDs so they can get into the buildings.

Herb will develop press releases for media publicity for the rally. Angad and Michael reminded us that Marc Steiner has offered a time slot on his General Assembly special on January 8. Charlie will follow up.

There was some brainstorming of the street theater aspect of the rally. Hillary has some altered dollar bills that would be useful. She suggested we convene an in-person group to plan this aspect.

**CONTACTING LEGISLATORS:**
Wylie recruited Del. Pendergrass as a Co-Sponsor. No other new legislator contacts were reported. Charlie advised all on this call to contact all of their own state legislators.

When communicating with legislators, present the generic Wolf-Pac version of the Resolution until it is finalized. (Jamie Raskin’s draft might be shared, in confidence, only with a few trusted members of the legislature).

Adjourned at approximately 9 pm

**Next Meeting:** Charlie announced that Wylie Burge will be assuming the Chairmanship of the Policy Committee following tonight’s meeting. Wylie will announce the next meeting date. There will be a brief executive call on Monday, 12/23 at 7:00 pm. The January public meeting will occur on Wednesday, 1/15, at 7:00 pm.