MOGP Notes — 10/18/26

Meeting Convened @ 7:15

Attendees:

Don/Barb
Jerome
Matthew
Lauren
Bryan
Kuma
Elston
Rita
Susan
Cris — arrived at ~8:00p.

Absentees:

Brittany
Paul
Daphne

Barb — Judges in STL need to be a focus of the STL Voters Guide.
Susan — Vote all the judges out. Make a statement about fascism. Concurred by Don and Jerome. Don — federalist-like judges are a big problem. Jerome — request for voter guide info to add to the B side of his campaign materials.

Jerome — Elections report: received a call from Board Of Commissioners, noting a change to electioneering rules; now 50 feet from entrance.

Lauren — Treasurer's report: circulated prior to the meeting. Screen sharing of the ledger. Some verifications of donations to completed; one extra month NB for confirmation of data transfer. NB transition has been a lot of work for Brittany and James; we should think of something special to acknowledge them. Can go "inactive" for $20/month, to keep data in storage until we're fully ready to decommission NB. Need formal and final audit of chapter membership in order to ensure that messaging is going out to active members. Had to decommission existing Stripe account in NB. Daphne confirmed as deputy treasurer.

Bryan — No fulsome Outreach report. Apologies for not getting the Palestine and Cuba resolutions out yet. Statewide Outreach Plan still exists, but requires time and money, and cannot formally begin until 8:00a the day after midterms.

Don — GG chapter report. Mostly focused on promoting the upcoming JS trial, particularly when she was in STL in September for the preliminary hearing. Collaboration w/ JS regarding the 10/29 hearing, as well as post-hearing events.

Kuma — ESEMO chapter report. Similarly focused on JS trial. Anti-ICE cookout. Homelessness town hall. Metro Trans Umbrella Group trivia night. Upcoming movie night to review Palestine documentary. Lauren — would be great for GGSTL to send people to the Palestine documentary. Request for Elston to chat offline later regarding other local events.

Elston — will be glad to speak with Lauren after the chat, though he is ill.

Bryan — WESPO chapter report. Chapter is lagging, given schedules and circumstances. Lauren commented on all the work Brittany and James have been contributing to the NB transition.

Discussion regarding 10/29 JS trial. Don — event on the 29th is another preliminary hearing, NOT a trial. JS wants a big showing so as to put pressure on the STL Prosecutor to drop the charges. Goal is 10,000 signatures on jill stein . net petition; current total is ~2500. Fundraising is going well. How best to promote: Bryan — heavy lift. Don — disagree; sent to David Doonan; Lauren — sent to local Palestinian groups; Kuma — agree with Bryan; Barb — how about Veterans for Peace; Cris — PSL KC will send out messaging; Kuma — will talk to STL DSA; particularly important for retirees to show out on 10/29; Cris — Quakers replied regarding possible lodging for JS.

Cris — GreensKC chapter report. Both city chapters have endorsed the documentary Gaza is Our Home. Monear Shaer is staying at Cris' house. Donated $$ for food at a meeting this afternoon. Organizations aren't responding as quickly as they should.

Susan — question regarding the JS trial. Bryan responded regarding "no contest" plea. Elston noted that something similar happened to him 15 years ago; no jury would convict JS; Barb noted the $$ cost to JS to travel back and forth to STL.

Kuma — working on a Trans Rights resolution for the MOGP. Let's get on the same page as a state on this issue. Elston — Kuma willing to participate in a national webinar on the issue?

Don — can a meeting notice be sent by the Chair, if the Secretary is unable? Matthew — apologies and yes.

Matthew — next monthly meeting will be on November 15th @ 7:00.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27.