WE THE PEOPLE - WEST TN/MADISON COUNTY

Meeting Notes of 10-9-21 + Group Description

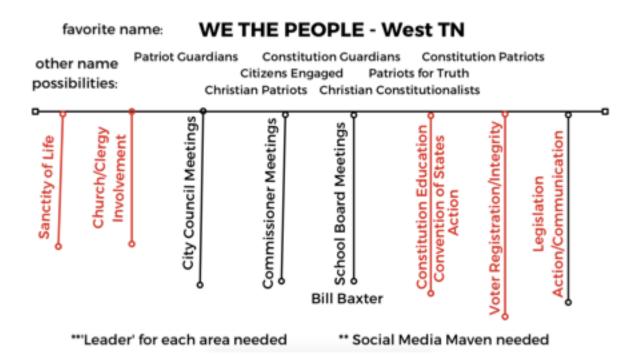
Present: Londa Rohfing, Ray Condray, Kathy Hayes, Peg Ramsey, Dennis Owens, Karen Diebold, Jeanie Todd*, Sally Smigielski*

History: This was the first in-person meeting as a step to connect regularly in a real person manner those in Madison County who have been a part of our Patriots for Truth Group - which grew out of our <u>Jackson for Trump</u> rallies/Jan. 6 Stop the Steal <u>Peaceful</u> Rally at the Courthouse and Facebook Group.

After the 'election' we changed our name to Patriots for Truth.

We can no longer depend on Facebook to 'connect' us - and we don't want to give them any business anyway with their censorship. It's just TIME to put faces with names and to get **ORGANIZED for ACTION!** For the time being, I'm heading this up, but also with the help of the Admin Group for the Facebook Patriots For Truth Group: Ray Condray, Lori McManus, Brandi Schinholster.

Vision: Think of an Umbrella - with this 'We the People-West TN' (name still up for grabs) at the Top, then spokes below. See the first page of the Attachment and also inserted below.



Came but couldn't stay for entire meeting

MISSION: I've already tweeted this following suggestions, and it is by no means 'settled', but this is what I've come up with so far. Suggestions requested and most welcome. We'll need to hammer this out at the next meeting.

To connect and educate with the purpose of motivating citizens in West TN to action in order to preserve our Constitutional Republic.

To Share How I See/Pray How Are WTP (We the People) group Can Work:

Already, since our meeting, God has provided Bill Baxter as the 'Watchman on the Wall - Leader' to head up the School Board Meeting area. We are praying for people in each of the areas.

How did this happen? Sally S spoke to her friend, Bill - explaining our group. Bill is an X-School Board Member with a passion for holding our School Board accountable to WE the People of Madison County. He has the ear of a Commissioner. Bill wants to accomplish:

Access to curriculum for ALL grades in Madison County Schools.
and - since Teachers ALSO need to be held accountable for what they actually teach...
Cameras be installed in each classroom - with review privileges by citizens.
Now - THAT's God at work - through his People!

I had a lengthy discussion getting acquainted with Bill this morning. He is an X-Marine man of action who is ON FIRE to actually DO something to SAVE our local public schools!

HE can truly find out how we can have a voice at School Board Meetings (differs between what is on the website and what is stated when you sign in as attending a meeting).

In his role as 'Watchman on the SchoolBoard' he can investigate TRUTH there and help us all KNOW what we can DO! With communication we set up amongst us, he can directly message all of us members asking us to: call/write our respective School Board Member/Commissioner - telling us the issue and what he feels we should communicate and why. He can ask us to show up in force at a particular School Board Meeting. If we then share with our respective friends - picture the IMPACT we can make!

DO YOU SEE??? ARE YOU WITH ME ...TIRED OF PREACHING TO THE CHOIR AND LAMENTING, just WRINGING YOUR HANDS and LAYING AWAKE AT NIGHT? I truly believe God has allowed things to get to this point... He has lit a fire under our buttocks to get up and get going! THE TIME HAS COME!

NON-PARTISAN: While I'll be the very first to admit that our goals are more 'red' than 'blue', just as I've admired in Convention of States (COS), we need ALL Americans who value their liberty to join in this effort to preserve our constitutional rights! This can be a unifying effort. Speaking for myself, I am an active member of the Madison County

Republicans and the Madison County Republican Women. And I fully expect to continue membership in both of those groups, and to support them in their work. However - sadly, after the last 'election' and lack of Term Limits in general, I don't feel I want to limit myself to Republican/ Democrat constraints. From what I've seen in my participation, it's too much of the 'good ole' boys'/this is the way we've always done it club for my liking. I'm an American first and foremost. Let it be known that we already have 3 elected officials on our list of 'count me in': Rep Chris Todd, Commissioners Trey Cleek and Cyndi Bryant. I anticipate others joining.

Alliances in Education and Action:

Convention of States (COS). I am a new District Captain for House Districts 80 and 73 - along with Karen Diebold who attended this first meeting. I can't begin to say enough for Convention of States, headed by Mark Meckler. COS is truly a superbly -organized and targeted movement to save our country. COS Volunteers gather in 'groups' kinda like this to act, but their unifying commonality is agreeing to be a Volunteer in COS.

While I highly recommend and urge you to not only sign the petition, but say YES to volunteering to help, us 'organizers' don't want that to be a requirement for 'membership' and work within **this** group.

Karen Diebold has decided to limit her work to strictly COS. For the time being, I will be active in both, but with clear delineation respecting both groups. For example: When COS has a booth at the upcoming Gun Show Nov. 13-14 at the

Fairgrounds, I won't be promoting this group. That is only fair and respectful since COS has paid for the booth - and COS is the focus.

www.conventionofstates.com Go and sign the petition! Volunteer to help!

At the same time..... We can Work Together to facilitate success for both!

For example: Karen needs more 'supportive COS people to walk in the COS 'area' of the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade handing out info about COS. The parade is to be held Sat., Nov. 6. Volunteers meet at the Carl Perkins Civic Center at 9 am. Likely participation would be over by 12:30. The 'duties' would likely be concluded by 12:30 or before. I have volunteered, and I hope some of you will join as well. Please Text Karen Diebold of your willingness to help: 731-394-4387.

Time for overzealous duplication of efforts and in-fighting is OVER!!! We need to cooperate to GET THINGS DONE! Convention of States and Patriot Academy are modeling that in an A+++ manner, as you'll be able to see as we use both to facilitate our EDUCATION about the Constitution.

Patriot Academy (PA). I have no doubt but that God directed me to PA through a random search or email in February of this year. I signed up almost immediately to be a FREE Coach, and then soon paid \$97 for a 1 year license. I have taught a Biblical Citizenship class in my home (and simultaneously on Zoom) and also

a Constitution Alive class in the same manner. Rick Green heads this up. I convinced Madison County Republican Women to adopt this as an educational vehicle and they also paid for a 1 year Zoom license.

Especially the **Biblical Citizenship Class** - brought to our local pastors' attention and conducted (with our help if desired) in the churches is, I believe, the KEY to getting our churches involved in the public square where they need to be! Historically, we wouldn't even have our country if the pastors and congregations hadn't led the way. We have our nations' current problems because our Constitution was meant for a moral people. We have become nothing but a 'moral people' because the churches and leadership have hid inside their walls. Well - Covid made them close their doors - so perhaps NOW their eyes can start to see how important being involved in society - and yes, 'politics' if you want to call it that truly is!!!!

Full description of PA - especially the Biblical Citizenship Class can be easily accessed at:

https://coach.pagtriotacademy.co/biblicalcitizenship/

For a 'collection' of what is included in this class:



I hope you can sense that COS and PA are what have whooped me into action! Educating our citizens here in west TN about the Constitution is where I intend to work my hardest. We are losing our liberties because WE DON'T KNOW THEM! MEETINGS - PLACE/TIME/MODE: The task before us calls for 2 meetings a month the way I see it. Regardless of when/where we hold our meetings, we'll never come up with a time everyone can attend. Old Country Store has been very cooperative and would be most happy to let us use their meeting rooms. We just need to reserve, and give them some business eating their great food realizing they will add a 15% gratuity for serving a group. I would rather support a great locally-owned, Christian business like them over a chain any day. Options and times those at the first meeting thought were good.

Breakfast 6:30 - 8 Lunch 11:30-1 Dinner 5-7

Next best to in person - Zoom meetings! At least we can see faces. If we could even start out doing a set week and day per month for in-person meetings, mixing up between Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner and augment with Zoom Meetings at a set evening (with recordings available and sent out), that could work to start with.

RESPOND to me with your thoughts!!!

LOOSE ORGANIZATION: We agreed to stay 'loosely-organized'. Meaning - we don't feel we want/need by-laws, dues, etc. Meetings do need to be kept organized, and with an Agenda published before-hand. We'll roughly follow Robert's Rules of Order. Right now, we have a 'Steering Committee' - carried over from Facebook Administrators: Myself, Ray Condray, and Lori McManus. Brandi Schinholster as well, but an expectant Mama who has volunteered to be our Social Media Maven. We'll fly by the seat of our panties for now and adapt as needed.

COMMUNICATION:

- * Text and Emails. I'll text using an App called REACH that sends a message to all, but with replies coming ONLY to me. Text will be sent to alert you to GO READ YOUR EMAIL! Texts can also be sent as ACTION ALERTS. Emails will NOT be shared or sold to any other group of any kind EVER!
- * Telegram. Brandi S. is setting up a new We the People West TN Group. More info coming. Get on Telegram. It is conservative-friendly.

A WORD REGARDING COVID: Everyone is entitled to their own decisions about their own health. That is no one else's business - and certainly NOT that of any level of government via mandates or laws. What we DO stand for is FREEDOM of CHOICE - and our group will seek to be active to that end - FREEDOM.

Invite like-minded Patriot friends! Give them my email: londarohlfing@gmail.com and/or text me at: 217-369-4687.

ATTACHMENT BELOW:

 Hand-out from 10-9-21 - likely most important part is the SHARING of my favorite sources of info