

Please add this to the minutes for January's meeting or add it to the agenda for April's Meeting. Thank You.

2-8-11

Attention Prison Issues Board;

NON-AGENDA ITEM RE: IWF Expenditures (i.e. Image & Public Participation)

You may claim the warden at MSP consults with the inmates about the expenditures but that no longer takes place since the inmate I.W.F. Unit Rep. System was eliminated in 2006. The inmates no longer have a voice about how the administration spends the money at MSP.

The warden appoints a "Yes Man" to agree and sign off on expenditures that most often benefit the state by paying for the state programs the department is already obligated to provide. When the inmates were actually consulted about the matter, the I.W.F. revenue was spent on programs that encouraged family ties and community involvement, such as; "Family Day" events, holiday visiting room celebrations for the kids, events for family and public at the religious activities center (RAC) (That no longer exists!) at MSP.

Montana statute requires that any money spent from the I.W.F. is to be utilized for the benefits of the inmates and their families.

Ironically, the money the families pay into IWF through their phone billing is not being spent for their benefit at MSP anymore. My husband has grieved this all the way to the DOS and of this date, has received no relief or answers.

NON-AGENDA ITEM RE: Practice of retaliation within MDOC and MSP

The public, involving myself, are very aware of the common knowledge of retaliation within the MDOC and MSP, against WE, who question the departments' conduct of business. As a government agency, you are required to include submitted comments as a means of exercising our constitutional rights here at this meeting. We believe collectively, that if we participate in this meeting, our loved ones, at the prison, will be retaliated against by possible adverse action such as an adverse transfer to another facility/prison, especially considering the chairman of this board also is the head of contract beds and takes part in decisions in shipping inmates.

Although, I have participated here today by way of written comment; I do so reluctantly, until I know you are doing something to stop your retaliatory practices against our loved ones. As a reminder, not only does this practice discourage public participation, it violates our right to freely express our political beliefs under Montana and U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

Lynnette King