

GREEN PARTY OF SONOMA COUNTY
Notes from the meeting of December 18, 2003

Facilitator: James

Notetaker: Skaidra

Attending: Tim S., Tim M., Steve, Amber, Susan, Sam, Ann, Rick, Michael, Richard, Jim, Ryan, Clifton.

TREASURY REPORT--Susan

Two checks were written in the last month for plenary delegate fee reimbursement and one for the phone bill. Account balance is \$7??.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT--Ryan

No update.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam met with Larry of the Sebastopol City Council to discuss possibilities for filling Sam S. and Craig's seats when they become open this fall. Sam will be following up on the issue.

OUTREACH WG REPORT--Sam

The new working group is having regular meetings with approximately six members. Currently they are working on a fundraising letter (see proposal on this agenda). Next meeting: 2nd Thursday in January (Jan 8), location TBA.

ELECTORAL REFORM WG REPORT--Jim

WG members met with members of the state Electoral Reform WG at the plenary, Jim will be working on some legal issues that concern the state party. No meeting planned.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WG REPORT--Tim M.

Much communication has gone on within the WG in the last month on new pages and features for the website. A prototype for county council candidate pages (including candidate statement, photo, bio, etc) has been completed. Tim is also working as a member of the Cobb 2004 IT group. Next meeting: January 23, Aroma's.

TABLING WG REPORT--Tim S.

No new tabling venues/events planned. Discussed ideas to make tabling more regular and to involve more people in tabling. No meeting planned.

BYLAWS WG REPORT--Skaidra

Working group met one week ago to draft language on the formation of locals (see proposal on this agenda). No meeting planned.

PATRIOT ACT WG REPORT--Steve

Resolution in opposition to the USA PATRIOT Act was not agendized by the Santa Rosa City Council. The SR Bill of Rights Defense Committee does not have definite plans, but will continue to work on the issue.

GREEN TALK WG REPORT--Skaidra

There will be no Green Talk in January. February Green Talk will be on candidates and issues of the March primary ballot. County council candidates will have a chance to present their reasons for running. Green Talk will include candidate Q&A. Next WG meeting: 2nd Thursday in January (Jan 8), at Ann's house.

FUNDRAISING WG REPORT--Tim M.

It was agreed at the meeting to incorporate the Fundraising WG into the Outreach WG at this time.

PROPOSAL: CONSENSUS PROCESS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS--Tim S.

Proposal to adopt consensus process guidelines (as specified in hand out at the meeting). Proposal was referred back to the Bylaws WG, as current bylaws already specify a consensus procedure adopted by the group.

PROPOSAL: OUTREACH LETTER TO PAST DONORS--Sam, Outreach WG

Proposal for the Outreach WG to draft and send a letter to past donors to the GPSC in January. Funds for mailing to come from \$500 donation from Larry R. Funds generated by mailing to be put into general GPSC account. Consensus to proceed with proposal.

PROPOSAL: MODIFIED BYLAWS SECTION ON LOCALS--Skaidra, Bylaws WG

Proposal to adopt newly written section (Article IV) and modification (Article V Section 3) pertaining to the formation of locals of the GPSC. Proposal blocked due to concern that the group had not been given enough time to review the changes.

PROPOSAL: ACCESS TO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES--James

Proposal to make the minutes from each general meeting available to our listserv, on our website, and linked in our general email. Minutes will be posted first to the coordinators' listserv for approval. Responsibility for posting minutes will be on a volunteer basis and/or by the meeting facilitator. Consensus to proceed with proposal.

PROPOSAL: LISTSERVES--Tim M.

Detailed description of current and proposed listserves handed out to meeting attendees for consideration at a later date due to lack of time on the agenda for discussion.

PLENARY REPORT--Sam, Ann, Jim

--Tim S. recognized by GROW for largest number of new GP registrants during registration contest.

--Presidential candidates Camejo, Mespley, Cobb, and Salzman spoke about their reasons for running.

--Discussion of GPUS presidential nominating convention June 24-7, Milwaukee

--Jim to investigate elections law concerning the binding of delegate votes to primary election winner (???)

--Committee to make proposal on delegate obligation to primary election winner at next plenary

--Consensus to allow CC to make endorsements in current local campaigns, to be reevaluated after this election cycle

--GROW to host convergence in Chico

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM

Location probably Environmental Center, schedule conflict needs to be resolved.

Ann, Tim M. will co-facilitate.

POSTPONED TO JAN MEETING:

--Selection of delegates to presidential nominating convention

--Proposal: Listserves--Tim M.