

## **MINUTES OF GPSC MEETING OF 3/17/05**

Present: Council: Ann Tompkins, Susan Chunco, Tim Morgan, Jared Laiti, Justin Whitaker

Members: Dianna Coulombe, Bob Coulombe, Tim Smith, Matt Rogina, Rick Fabrick, Alba Misciagna

Tim Morgan and Ann Tompkins co-facilitators

Vibes Watcher: None

Notes Taker: Jared

Timekeeper: Unknown

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m. quorum was present.

### **Reports**

Treasurer's Report by Susan Chunco: No significant activity -- \$8 collected at Green Talk. Voice mail switched to being listed as GPSC with a contact person rather than being listed as an individual. Jan has been checking the messages, with Susan as the backup. It would cost \$10-12 a month to be listed in the phone-book, but we're too late for this year, so we might budget it for next year.

No registration update.

Regional Rep Report -- Tim Smith

The plenary is coming up May 21-22 in the San Fernando Valley. We need to elect plenary delegates. The Minimum Wage Initiative will be on the agenda, along with the election of two at-Large GPCA Coordinating Committee representatives, and the Treasurer election. There has been ongoing debate regarding whether the Treasurer should be elected by the General Assembly or the CC. Tim asked for direction from the county.

Discussion:

Rick Fabrick: The more qualified candidate should be chosen.

Tim Smith: Kenny Mostern is the other candidate, and he has a lot of fund-raising experience.

Justin Whitaker: The issue seems to be about process rather than candidates.

Veronica Lopez: Both bios (candidate statements) should be put in the packet and the GA should decide, rather than the CC.

Tim Morgan: The bylaws require one Treasurer.

A straw poll was then taken --

2 votes for the CC to decide.

6 votes for the CC to seek consensus, with a fallback of going to the GA.

4 votes for the GA to decide.

Point of Order -- Gregory Wonderwheel: Voting in straw poll by non-GPSC members. Discussion ensues regarding this point. Gregory, expressing distaste for the results of the discussion, leaves the meeting.

There are no term limits for Treasurer.

### **Working Group Reports**

IT meeting on the 25th at 7PM at Aroma Roasters

Bylaws meeting April 12 at Ann's in Santa Rosa -- bylaw revisions almost done.

No Patriot Act WG report -- contact Steve Devereux

Green Talks -- Not many people showed up for the 'Future of Food' showing. Publicity needs to be improved. Currently, advertising only takes place online. Suggestion for a sign-up sheet at the Green Talks.

### **Announcements**

General Announcements: The Peace and Justice Center has a bus to Saturday's Peace Rally in SF.

United Farm Workers March Sunday April 3 -- Wear Green! Part of the struggle with Gallo of Sonoma, March from Sebastopol Rd. to Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa.

David Cobb will be in Sonoma at the Praxis Peace Institute on April 5 -- \$15.

### **Discussion of Consensus Process -- Tim Smith**

#### **Decision Items**

Earth Day -- Rick Fabrick -- Friday April 22nd 11-3:30, with Peace March at 4 PM. Speakers are needed. Consensus reached on an announcement of the event in the monthly newsletter. 795-2723 for Rick for tabler's and speakers.

Minimum Wage Initiative -- Tim Smith -- Tim reads proposal regarding Stakeholders Conference (can I reference this somewhere is it posted to the listserve?). The GP will

contribute a volunteer effort for 600,000 signatures and raise \$250,000 - \$300,000 for that purpose. Tim explains the process for ballot certification. Consensus was reached to endorse the proposal. The county will be asked to contribute money and signatures.

Voting Process for County Council election -- (Tim Smith) -- Candidates to be elected by Instant Runoff Voting. Runner-ups to be elected as alternates. Consensus was reached. (Why was this proposal reconsidered last Thursday then? Did we consense just to review the process at our next meeting prior to the election?) Matt Rogina declares intention to run for County Council.

### **Discussion Items**

Discussion of a visit by author John Perkins was tabled.

Downtown Santa Rosa Market (tabling opportunity) starts in May. (Susan Chunco)

Health and Harmony Fair is in June (Susan Chunco) -- volunteers are needed -- many Greens have been registered at this event in the past.

Petaluma Progressive Fest -- (Tim Morgan) -- September 25th -- help needed with fund-raising, speakers, food, and publicity.

The GPSC needs a Treasurer and Secretary. Diana Coulombe volunteers as assistant Treasurer. Susan agreed to stay on as treasurer & will have Dianna work with Susan on the reports in July. She has a background in bookkeeping and will be able to take over when needed.

Justin and Diana volunteer as co-facilitators for next month.