

GPSC
General Membership Meeting
7.15.04

Facilitators: Tim M. and Susan C.

Attendees: See sign in sheet (not available to scribe)

Presentation by Caroline Bañuelos candidate for Santa Rosa City Council, seeking endorsement by GPSC. Proposal to endorse agreed to by consensus.

Treasurers report:

GPSC needs to develop a budget.

Maintaining the outreach donations separately from general fund is problematic.

However, the donations were made with the understanding that the moneys would go to outreach. The funds should be spent on outreach.

Regional Report: JARED, PLEASE SEND YOUR NOTES, THANKS.

Green Talks: Picnic moved to 7.25 at Susan's. It's gonna be a good chance to relax together, and have fun. Please come and RSVP to Susan.

The next Green Talk Working Group is Thursday August 12th, contact Ann 543-3037 if interested in attending. 7-9 p.m. in Santa Rosa. July 1 meeting was canceled. Need topics for now until November.

AnnT expressed a concern about our working groups not working well and needing a discussion.

Discussion

The effort to get district elections in Santa Rosa failed due to a misunderstanding about required number of signatures.

Sebastopol City Council race. Sam's campaign is going well. This is our chance to be part of a successful local campaign. Everyone's help is needed between now and Nov.

Nader and Camejo: Signature gathering continues. Presentation at Mission High School at 7pm (date?). Car pool available. Details, contact Jared.

Cobb and LaMarche: Initial appearance calendar set. The campaign is focusing on ballot access states.

Raven Event: The event is on for 8/22. Need to contact Raven theatre and firm our commitment by Tuesday. Set up a new working group to handle the Raven Event, consisting of Susan, Tim S., and Jared.

Local office: A local office has been offered. It's a small space but is a good opportunity for visibility.

Question raised about suspending business meetings in the busy period up to Nov. elections. General agreement that meetings should continue as scheduled. The election season creates significant interest in politics and people will want to tune into the Green Party.

State GP fundraising offer: State will coordinate and pay for a mailing with a GPSC insert. GPSC will get half the proceeds without any significant effort. Jan and Susan will coordinate within the outreach group.

Endorsement of Nader and Camejo considered: Jared read the background to the proposal to allocate our GPSC votes to be counted toward the GPCA poll for a statewide endorsement.

Proposal to allocate all 4 of the GPSC votes in favor of a GPCA endorsement of the Nader / Camejo campaign: two blocks and one stand-aside. A vote was called by the sponsor: 8 yes, 5 no. Therefore the proposal failed.

Proposal to allocate 3 votes in favor and 1 vote against: Accepted by consensus.

Meeting Space: Ann created a draft understanding between GPSC and the Environmental Center for our use of the meeting space on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, for \$20 per evening. Group approved the draft. Ann to implement with the Environmental Center.

Ballot Measures:

GMO-Free Sonoma County: endorsed by consensus

Prop 59: no decision

Prop 60: no decision

Prop 65: no decision

Prop 66: 3 strikes mitigation- endorsement by consensus

Pam Torliatt (Petaluma City Council): endorsed by consensus

Caroline Bañuelos (Santa Rosa City Council) endorsed by consensus

Dave Chapman: Running against Woolsey for district 6. Asking for endorsement. Does not expect to gain necessary signatures. Will present to GPSC again if successfully gets on ballot.