

Minutes of GPSC meeting of 8/19/04

Present: Council: Ann Tompkins, Susan Chunco, Tim Morgan, Skaidra Smith-Heisters, Veronica Lopez, Mike Sandler.

Members: Jan Meiswinkel, Matt Rogina, Gregory Wonderwheel, Tim Smith, Tanya Boone-Alve, Bill Patterson, Robin Latham-Ponneck

Guests: Veronica Jacobi, Cindy Thomas

Tim Smith and Veronica Lopez co-facilitators.

Tim Morgan minutes taker.
Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

No Regional Rep Report – Jared not present

Treasurer's Report by Susan. Bank account has approximately \$1,000. Fee for progressive festival \$37.50 was paid.

Introductions

7:15 - quorum determined to be present

Speakers Seeking Endorsement

1. Tanya Boone-Alve (G) – Cotati City Council Candidate, supports Coalition to Protect Cotati's Future, there are 7-8 candidates in the race,. Needs help with signage, precincts, and data base of greens.
2. Matt Rogina (G) – Rohnert Park City Council Candidate, Environmentalist – Forests Forever, supports a no on the recall election, will run as a Green.
3. Cindy Thomas (D), Petaluma City Council Candidate, Labor Consultant for Kaiser, 3 open seats with 5 candidates.
4. Veronica Jacobi (D), Santa Rosa City Council Candidate, Energy Consultant, likes SMART train. 9 candidates, 4 seats.
5. Bill Patterson (G), Windsor City Council Candidate, Retired, 2 seats 3 candidates, likes Deborah Fudge (current mayor). Will not run as a member of the GP in this election.

The Candidates were thanked for their presentations following Q&A. Meeting continued minus the candidates.

Discussion of Endorsements

Group felt that Sam Pierce, Craig Litwin, Bill Patterson, Cindy Thomas and Veronica Jacobi were all good progressive candidates deserving our endorsement. Consensus was reached on to endorse these candidates by the group.

Discussion on Matt Rogina and Tanya Boone-Alve – Tim Smith expressed concern that we did not know enough about the issues in both Rohnert Park and Cotati to be sure of these endorsements, i.e., there might be other candidates to endorse. Discussion ensued of this issue by group. Consensus was reached on to endorse these candidates by the group.

Skaidra made a proposal to endorse several other candidates based on their merit.

Jake MacKensie – Rohnert Park City Council Candidate
Tod Brilliant – Healdsburg City Council Candidate
Deborah Fudge – Windsor City Council Candidate
Carolyn Banuelos – Santa Rosa City Council Candidate

Discussion of this proposal ensued. Consensus was reached on to endorse these candidates by the group.

Discussion of Mediation Proposal by Robin Latham-Ponneck

Robin suggests that Caron Bloom may do mediation for free; Robin wants to do mediation for party unity.

Veronica – why is mediation needed?

Ann – errors in group functioning have cause problems, e.g., the failure of the Raven Event planning

Bill – there have been previous group failings and from that it is suggested that we should “check your ego at the door”

Skaidra – suggests that we have a working group for mediation, suggests the text of the proposal should be – We want an ad hoc convened to study and propose a mediation strategy of conflict resolution for the GPSC.

Robin this group should interact with the GPSC do determine needs.

Gregory – asks if lines are clear as to what the group is to do.

A group is suggested – Susan Chunco, Robin Latham-Ponneck, Tim Morgan, Gregory Wonderwheel. All felt this would be a representative cross section of the GPSC and issues. Group will meet and report back to the GA periodically.

Michael Sandler proposes a post card mailer to put endorsements out for the November election. Michael will rough out a design and get it back to the group next meeting.

Sam provided 5 minutes on lessons learned during his successful election in Sebastopol.

Meeting Adjourns at 9:35pm