

MINUTES OF GPSC MEETING OF 5/19/05

Present:

Council: Ann Tompkins, Susan Chunco, Tim Morgan, Jared Laiti, Veronica Lopez, Justin Whitaker, Bill Patterson

Members: Dianna Coulombe, Bob Coulombe, Tim Smith, Gregory Wonderwheel, Mark Stansbury

Ann and Justin co-facilitators

Vibes Watcher: Susan

Notes Taker: TimM

Timekeeper: Jared

Meeting started at 7:10 p.m. quorum was present.

Introductions

Announcements

AnnT - announced the next North Bay Spokes Network meeting will go to a quarterly cycle.

Susan - announced a marriage equality bill – are we endorsing this bill? Jared – response this is already in the GPCA platform

Reports

Treasurer's Report by Susan: No report. No activity on the bank account during the month.

Registration Report by TimS:

Party	10/18/04	1/27/05	4/7/05	4/28/05
Democrats	124,537	125,431	124,713	124,708
Republicans	66,272	64,483	66,070	66,002
Green	6,840	6,933	6,884	6,930
AI	4,938	5,003	4,992	5,010
Libertarian	1,601	1,626	1,610	1,609
DTS	42,242	43,212	43,111	43,187

Conclusion – Green registration is up in Sonoma County!

Regional Rep – deferred to plenary discussion.

PC/IT: TimM – no meeting in April / May, answered list serve questions.

Bylaws: AnnT – still working on bylaws rewrite, will meet June 7th.

BORDC: News! AnnT, BillP, SteveD et. al. have formed an umbrella group to rekindle this group's direct action. Targeting July 4th action.

Green Talks / Outreach: AnnT & Susan – nothing happening. No June / July Green Talk planned. Next meeting is undetermined. There is a protest about the Governor on the 25th. Ideas?

Gregory – suggested a Green scarf, i.e., green-necks - Bill explained that this is where red-necks came about.

BillP - wants to revive Green Talks put topic on agenda for next month.

Campus Greens: Jared – No report.

Decision Items

Proposal to nominate Tim Morgan as Secretary for the GPSC until June 2006.

Discussion - Justin – TimM is kind of sec. by default, could we confirm him now and reconfirm when the new bylaws are approved? More discussion – current bylaws do not have such an office, Gregory offered an amendment (accepted) to proposal – Tim Morgan will fill the office of interim secretary for the GPUS for a term of office not to exceed the June 2006 primary date or until the new GPSC bylaws are approved.

Proposal – approved by consensus.

Discussion Items

Living Wage Initiative: Tim Smith – Do we want to bind plenary delegates to agree to support the Living Wage Initiative at the plenary? Discussion of this with group. While not a decision item, the group agreed that the plenary delegate should support this effort at the plenary.

Harmony Fair: Susan – Discussion of event, TimS to call Clifton to see about getting a booth. Susan – Robin works at the event and is overloaded. Need volunteers to work and to table. Veronica, TimM, TimS & Jared agreed to try to help.

Fundraising: Jared - its time we start discussing a GPSC fundraising plan, and then implement it ASAP. Discussion – need to do a letter and team with GPCA as suggested by Michael Wyman at last meeting. Jared will volunteer to put a page together, Dianna wants to help.

BoHo Grove Protest: Jared – In past years other groups have organized this protest but they need help this year. July 15-17th is the date of the event. Paul Encimer of GPMC wants to know what we can do to help. May need some home stays. Discussion – what kind of protest? N/V is norm and a march is typical. We try to keep things legal. Should the GPSC endorse this event? Group consented to an endorsement of event.

Potential County Council Meeting: TimM and BillP – We are trying to put this together. Discussion – TimS the meeting should be open to all. Agreed to bring this back next month.

Plenary Discussion – Group. Summarized issues at plenary. Meeting went past 9:00pm. Group felt that plenary packet not available soon enough to adequately discuss at our meeting – solution get packet sooner!

Adjourn – 9:30pm