

GREEN PARTY OF SONOMA COUNTY
NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2004

Facilitator: Jim

Notetaker: Skaidra

Attending: Susan, Tim, Tim, Roni, Ann, Veronica, Jared, Bill

[Abbreviations: "GPSC" Green Party of Sonoma County; "GPCA" Green Party of California; "GPCA-CC" Green Party of California Coordinating Committee; "GP" Green Party]

TREASURY REPORT (Susan)

We have had some income from the Health and Harmony Festival and the Santa Rosa Wednesday night market, exact amount unknown.

REGISTRATION REPORT (Tim S.)

Seventy-five voters were registered at the last two Wed. night markets and Health and Harmony Festival combined (of those, approx. seventy registered Green).

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP REPORT (Tim S.)

Health and Harmony Festival, Wed. night market, and planning for the Raven Theatre event have been the focus of Outreach activities for the last month. It was reported that Richard has resigned from the Outreach WG, and that the group needs a new place to meet. Jim asked that the group focus on recruiting activists, not just registration. The need for tablers at the Solar Sebastopol event the following weekend was discussed, but it did not appear that anyone was available. Next Meeting: July

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT (Skaidra) Help is needed on the newsletter this month. Steve will send it out on the usual deadline. No meetings scheduled.

BYLAWS WORKING GROUP REPORT (Ann)

The GPCA wants a copy of every county's bylaws. Tim M. and Ann will coordinate to get this to them. No meetings scheduled.

GREEN TALKS WORKING GROUP REPORT

The next Green Talk will be a picnic/potluck at Susan's house at 2:00pm July 18. (Susan's house: 124 W. Eighth Street, Santa Rosa, 546-7857). The regularly scheduled Green Talk on the first Thursday of July will be cancelled. Next Meeting: July 9 at Susan's.

No new reports:

ELECTORAL REFORM WORKING GROUP

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP

CAMPUS GREENS

BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE WORKING GROUP

RAVEN THEATRE EVENT PLANNING REPORT (Skaidra) The next planning meeting will be in July. More help is needed.

Susan, Bill, Ann, Tim, and Tim indicated that they could help out in July.

DECISION: CAROLINE BANUELOS INVITATION

At Tim S.'s request we agreed to invite Santa Rosa City Council candidate Caroline Banelos to the July business meeting. She will be offered five minutes for a presentation and ten minutes for discussion of her candidacy. No endorsement will be made at the July meeting.

DECISION: WESTLY INITIATIVE POLL

We reaffirmed our opposition to Steve Westly's "Top Two" or "Voter Choice" primary initiative on this November's ballot in response to the GPCA's request that counties be polled on the issue. Tim M. will communicate our county's poll results, including those gathered tabling in the last few weeks, to the state GP.

DECISION: CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PROCESS Consented that the GPSC supports holding a state plenary in July or August, preferably simulcast in both a northern and southern location, to determine the California presidential ballot line if there is no nomination in Milwaukee. Jared will report this decision to the GPCA-CC if the need arises.

DECISION: REGIONAL MEETING

We affirmed the decision of the North Bay regional caucus at the recent Sacramento plenary to hold a regional meeting in July/August.

The meeting will take place at the plenary if there is a plenary in July/August or in Fairfax if there is no plenary. The date of the meeting, if in Fairfax, should be after the date of the next business meeting of the GPSC in order to publicize it.

DISCUSSION: INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

We reviewed the current convention voting rules and each person present was given time to describe their personal feelings about who the nominee for president should be and why.

DISCUSSION: OFFER OF LOCAL CAMPAIGN OFFICE SPACE Tim S. checked out the campaign office space volunteered to the GPSC by Suzanne. While he reported that it is smaller than originally thought, it could be used for meetings of 15-20 people and has good storefront space. Location is 5513 Hwy 12/Sebastopol Rd near Llano Road. The Outreach and IT WGs expressed interest in using it for their next meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim M. will look for a master of the "10 Key Values" flyer at Tim S.'s request.

Richard has a ream of green paper that Jim will give to Tim.

Tim S. said we need to purchase more buttons and T-shirts for tabling.

Ann announced that the last UFW protest was cancelled, the next event is the bridge march. Also noted Solar Sebastopol event the next weekend.

Roni stated her concern that Greens efforts were detracting from the needed opposition to Bush and stated that she is considering a run for the Santa Rosa City Council, though she supports Banuelos's candidacy as well.

NEXT MEETING: Third Thursday of July. 7pm. Environmental Center, Santa Rosa. Tim M. will co-facilitate.