

Notes Approved on: [Draft #1]

Council Members: Tim Morgan, Tim Smith, Tom Bolema, Susan Chunco (alternate for Hally DeCarion)

Non-Council: Elaine B. Holtz, Margot Cox, Steve Devereux (notetaker)

Council not attending: Amber Mokolke, Camille Smith, Kathryn Azevedo, Hally DeCarion (designated an alternate)

Quorum established

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. Treasury Report – Tim M.
No change in the account balance as of 11/30: \$764.66.
2. Registration Report – Tim S.
4,834 Greens in Sonoma County before the November election. Peak was ~7,600 about 3 years ago.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

3. Quorum Bylaws Change Reaffirmation
Proposal: in a previous GPSC Business Meeting the bylaws requirement for a quorum (article VI, section 3) were changed from 'a minimum of four regular members and four members of the council' to 'a minimum of **three** regular members and **three** members of the council.' For clarity, a request was made to change the wording slightly to 'a minimum of **three non-council** members and **three** members of the council.'

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

Action: [action not stated, but I believe that Tim Morgan will make the revision and forward the revised bylaws to the Green Party of California (GPCA).
4. Automatic Resignation of County Council Members
Discussion: since the June election, there have been three official Business Meetings (i.e., established quorum) in July, August, and December (and three scheduled Business Meetings from Sept through Nov) that have not been attended by council member Amber Mokolke. According to bylaws (article V, section 2.07), Amber has automatically resigned from the council. This vacancy will be filled at our next scheduled council meeting (Jan 15).

Action: an agenda item for our next meeting will include a nomination and vote to fill the council seat. An announcement will also be made in our upcoming December newsletter.
5. Change of Business Meeting Date
Discussion: changing the date of the Business Meetings to better accommodate the members.

Proposal: the GPSC Business Meeting will be changed from the second Tuesday to the third Thursday of each month. The start time will be set to 6:45 PM and business will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

6. Proposal for the GPSC to Host the August/September Plenary in 2009

Discussion: members attending are interested in hosting a plenary in Sonoma. GPCA is looking for hosts for a gathering in February and plenaries in April and August/September. Some of our attendees believe that the April plenary date is too close for a committal without having a venue already chosen. Question asked: why isn't the plenary hosted by the region (Sonoma, Marin, Napa) instead of just by Sonoma. A regional hosting opens up more venue possibilities (e.g., the Headlands Institute). Goal of hosting an event: draw people into becoming active in the GPSC. Need to identify 4-5 venue possibilities and compare the pros and cons. Other issues: providing food. 'Food Not Bombs' organizations provide food services inexpensively, but the groups are not currently very strong in Sonoma County.

Proposal: Make a commitment to the GPCA to host the August/September Plenary

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

Action: Members present will research venues:

Elaine – *Louis Adult School, the Flamingo Hotel, Masonic Temple*; Tim M. - *Praxis Peace Institute, Petaluma (Petaluma Progressives), Sonoma Community Center*; Susan – *Finley Center, Glaser Center*; Tim S. - *Sonoma State (Peter Philips)*; Steve – *Spreckels, Headlands Institute*.

Venue requirements:

Cost less than \$3000, a meeting room for 150 people and 4 breakout rooms, and an area for food preparation. Will have breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday and optional dinners on Friday and Saturday nights. Note: see the 'GPCA Plenary Planning Handbook' published by GROW for more details: <http://www.cagreens.org/gap/PlenaryCookbook.pdf>

7. Regional Meeting/Election

Discussion: Regional Rep terms (including Tim M.'s) are ending in February. Need to have a regional meeting to hold elections for new reps. Tim M. would like Sonoma to get the ball rolling by offering to host the meeting.

Proposal: Sonoma will offer to hold the regional meeting on March 8 to have new elections for regional reps (unless Marin or Napa would like to propose another venue or another date).

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

Action: Tim M. will announce our proposal to Marin and Napa on the Northbay Greens list. He will give Marin or Napa until January 8 to make a decision.

8. GPSC Strategy Meeting

Discussion: want to hold a special meeting to brainstorm what Greens should do to change the political landscape in Sonoma County—what do we want to do and how are we going to get there)

Proposal: the GPSC will hold a Strategy Meeting on Thursday, 1/22/09 at 7 PM at Tim Morgan's home.

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

Action: Steve will announce the meeting in the December newsletter (with directions to Tim M.'s house). Tom will let Steve know how to automatically update community calendars. Group volunteered Hally [I hope you don't mind, Hally] to put out announcements about our upcoming Business and Strategy meetings. Elaine will write an article after our strategy meeting that will outline our goals for the new year.

9. Petaluma City of Refuge Campaign Endorsement – Tim S.

Discussion: Tim S. presented a resolution drafted by the Impact group(?) for endorsement by the GPSC. It declares Petaluma a 'city of refuge'. Concern was voiced about a clause that may not be legal: a requirement that the city not cooperate with Federal agents. Legally it is only feasible to limit the city's cooperation with ICE to only those circumstances where it is legally required. Susan knows an immigration lawyer that Tim S. could contact to better craft the legal wording of the resolution. Members preferred that the GPSC endorse the Petaluma campaign by modifying the endorsement we made earlier for the Sonoma County of Refuge.

Proposal: Endorse the Petaluma City of Refuge Campaign using wording similar to the Sonoma County of Refuge endorsement:

"We the Green Party support and endorse the campaign to establish Sonoma County as a County of Refuge so that our local community does not live within the climate of fear and intimidation and feels safe accessing services which promote their well being."

Decision: all present accepted the proposal by consensus.

Action: Steve will email Tim S. the text of the Sonoma County endorsement. Tim will revise the endorsement for Petaluma and forward the results to the Petaluma group.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 15 at 6:45 PM.

Place: Ranch Feliz Mobile Home Park, Club Library, 6607 Redwood Drive in Rohnert Park.