

Green Party of Sonoma County
Notes from the General Meeting of September 18, 2003

Facilitator: Tim M.
Notetaker: Skaidra

REPORT FROM PLENARY--Skaidra
(To be included in separate notes for the sake of brevity...)

REPORT: REGIONAL REP--Ryan

Two Marin and two Sonoma members caucused at the San Diego plenary. There seemed to be very little momentum in Marin, Napa for making a regional meeting happen. It was suggested and accepted that Sonoma invite the other members of the region to our events (e.g. Green Talks) at this time and plan for a regional meeting at some later date.

REPORT: TABLING WG--Tim S.

18 to 20 people were registered by tablers at the Progressive Festival. Tabling also occurred at a SRJC forum this Wednesday where Tim S. spoke on behalf of the GPSC. Approx. \$100 was raised between the two events.

GPSC registration was at an all-time high at the beginning of this month and has since dropped by approx. 150 registrants as a result of the voter purge associated with the special election.

Next tabling opportunity: Monday September 29, SSU (Camejo may be speaking?)
Sundays Sebastopol Farmers' Market

REPORT: BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE WG--Steve D.

An educational forum is being planned for October 12 at SRJC.

The WG has been tabling two to three times per week and phonebanking once per week. Approx. 120 signatures have been gathered on the Santa Rosa petition, 260 for the Sonoma resolution from the Progressive Festival. Seventeen new subscribers for the monthly email update joined with the efforts of two people phonebanking for two hours!

REPORT: GREEN TALK WG

Roundtable on recall Thursday October 2 at the Environmental Center.

Next meeting: Thursday October 9 [location?]

REPORT: BYLAWS WG

Next meeting: Thursday September 25 at Ann's house.

REPORT: T WG--Tim M.

The donate button on the website is now active!

Next meeting: Friday October 24 7pm at Aroma's.

Discussion of a campaign to bring a moratorium resolution to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors with GPSC endorsement. Some concerns were raised about the content and process of the endorsement, and it was agreed that the issue should be agendized for the next general meeting as a formal proposal to the group.

DISCUSSION: MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Discussion centered around the question of establishing an action item/volunteer email list with fewer volume/frequency restrictions than the monthly email update, possibly to be called "Urgent Updates." Sam and Tim S. will come back to the group with a formal proposal for the new email list next month.

COORDINATOR'S EMAIL LIST MEMBERSHIP

Sam will bring a proposal to the group for defining coordinators' email list membership at the next meeting. The group did not feel a proposal for coordinators' email list content was a priority at this time.

MONTHLY EMAIL UPDATE

Submissions must be made to Steve D. by next Tuesday, and will be posted Thursday to subscribers.

DECISION: PROP 53

Meeting consensed to oppose Prop. 53, which earmarks general fund money for infrastructure projects. Opposition was based on the belief that the budget needs to be flexible and infrastructure projects are not a high priority at this time.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday October 16 7pm Environmental Center

Send agenda items to Ryan. Already on the agenda are:

- DECISION: MORATORIUM RESOLUTION
- NEW EMAIL LIST PROPOSAL
- COORDINATORS' EMAIL LIST MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL
- REGIONAL REP UPDATE
- WORKING GROUP UPDATES