

Share Exchange, 531 5th Street, Santa Rosa

Council Present: Woody Hastings (notes), June Brashares, Hally DeCarion

GPSC Members Present: Steve Devereux (notes), Elaine Holtz (facilitator), Susan Chunco, Dusty Wroten

Council Absent: Seb Baum, Tim Smith

Quorum Achieved

Reports

Approval of Previous Minutes

Not required because no quorum—November meeting was discussion-only.

Treasury Report - Susan

No changes since October meeting.

Sonoma County Voter Registration Update

No report (Tim S. Absent)

Outreach - Susan

Currently establishing outreach connections at Occupy Santa Rosa. Susan asked the group for suggestions for other local tabling opportunities.

IT Working Group - Steve

Lots of discussion about GPSC website and blogs and blogging and who will blog and such. Elaine wants to blog.

ACTION ITEM: IT Working group meeting to be scheduled for some time in January to discuss content, structure and features of GPSC website. (Steve)

RCV/IRV - Woody

Woody stated that the effort to push for Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) in Sonoma county is tabled until more people can commit to working on it. In lieu of that effort a public education effort will be pursued.

ACTION ITEM: Woody will draft an RCV flier for Sonoma County.

ACTION ITEM: June will work with Dusty and Elaine to develop instructions for a real-life exercise that can be conducted at festivals, fairs, events, etc.

Announcements

- Sonoma County's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Birthday Celebration
Sun, 1/15 at Santa Rosa High School Auditorium (<http://mlkcelebrationsoco.org/>)
- Season for Nonviolence (15th Annual)
Events from 1/30 through 4/4 (<http://www.mettacenter.org/season>)
- The Leonard Peltier Walk for Human Rights (we voted with consensus to endorse)
(<http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/walk.htm>)
- Upcoming Jill Stein (GP Presidential candidate) interview by Elaine Holtz on Women's Spaces

New Business

GPCA General Assembly - Susan

Susan reported that the suggestion was made at the November Plenary that Sonoma County host the spring plenary. We discussed this at length.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Susan Chunco will post the report from the November Plenary about the suggestion for Sonoma County to host in the spring on the GPSC website
- Several people volunteered to investigate costs and availability of venues
- June will contact Alex Shantz about Napa's willingness to participate in a regionally hosted Plenary
- Susan will contact Marnie about Marin's involvement in a regionally hosted Plenary

County Council appointment

Voted unanimously to appoint Susan Chunco to a seat on the GPSC County Council. Thank you Susan!!

January 2012 GPSC Meeting (January 16th)

Much discussion about what kind of meetings we want to have going forward.

ACTION ITEM: For January meeting we will invite more people. During the first hour we will screen Elaine's interview with GP Presidential Candidate Jill Stein and hold a brief Q&A about her candidacy and the Green Party before transitioning to the business part of the meeting. Need to be sure there is no conflicting meeting on January 16th at the Share Exchange [*12/21 update: there is a conflict—Share Exchange will host a video interview on 1/16 from 7-9PM*].

Move to Amend - June

Discussed the Move to Amend movement (ref: <http://movetoamend.org/>)

ACTION ITEM: Voted unanimously to ENDORSE the Move to Amend effort and to call on Sonoma County and the cities of Sonoma County to adopt resolutions calling for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment that abolishes corporate personhood.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Mon, January 16

Time: 7 - 9 PM

Location: Share Exchange, Santa Rosa.