

Green Party of Santa Fe County

Upcoming Green Party Events

Tuesday, July 15: Social & Special Meeting to discuss our action agenda at 7pm, Pyramid Café

Monday, July 21: Film showing of “Doing it for Uncle Graham” 6:30 pm at The Film Center

Tuesday, July 22: Business Meeting to decide on the action agenda at 7pm, Pyramid Café

Tuesday, August 5: Business Meeting at 7pm, Pyramid Café

Tuesday, August 19: Social at 7pm, Pyramid Café

July 1, 2008 Business Meeting Minutes

Section 1: Call to Order and Moment of Silence

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm, followed by a moment of silence. The following roles were assigned—Carl Hansen, Facilitator; David Thompson, Actioneer; Magita Storey, Vibes Watcher; Suzanne Otter, Minute Taker. June 2008 Minutes were approved as submitted. July 1, 2008 Agenda was approved as submitted.

Greens present at the business meeting: Carl Hansen, Rick Lass, John Otter, Suzanne Otter, Magita Storey, David Thompson, Xubi Wilson

Section 2: Officer Reports

Co-Chair, Xubi Wilson: The Film Center is scheduled for a movie/discussion night on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 pm. The Film Center will show “Doing it for Uncle Graham”—a film about the nuclear industry. There will be a discussion following this short film. CCNS, The Film Center, and Green Party of Santa Fe County are sponsoring the event. For more information contact Tom Knoblauch at 310-3402. Help is requested to promote this event.

Membership Secretary, Carl Hansen: We have been tabling and campaigning for Rick Lass on the Santa Fe Plaza. We talked with lots of people—Rick has been receiving positive reactions. Our table at the Taos Music Festival was in the Solar Village, we had good visibility. It was worthwhile, even though not a lot of people were there. People were receptive to Rick’s campaign. We should continue to accumulate contacts for the monthly e-mail list.

Recording Secretary, Suzanne Otter: Xubi offered to file the names of SFGP officers with Santa Fe county. (There was no treasurer’s report at this meeting.)

Section 3: Discussion Items

Rick Lass for PRC—News about the PRC Race

Rick reported that he received the letter today confirming that he is certified as a candidate and has qualified for public financing. We have a campaign to run now, and four months to win it. We need to count on the base in Santa Fe, and meet as many voters as possible in the next four months. Early voting will start approximately one month before the election.

At the Taos Solar Festival Rick was interviewed by Cultural Energy, an interview was set up with at the radio station in Taos, he was invited to come to a forum on the Wind Farm that is being considered in the Taos Area, and scheduled an interview with the Los Alamos Monitor. Rick encouraged us to send letters to the editor, John sent letters to the Reporter

The issues in the campaign are:

- Democracy issues: protect us from unbridled corporate greed.
- Invest in solar and wind, not nuclear and coal.
- Customer service orientation, PRC should be helping you when you have a conflict with the utility company. PRC should have someone who is an advocate.

People had lots of ideas about the campaign. A request was made for Rick's team to decide what they want out of the campaign, and then communicate with Santa Fe Greens about the best way we can help. To get the latest on Rick's campaign go to: richardlass.com.

Support for Carol Miller for Congress

Carol Miller received an endorsement from Green Party *New Mexico* at the nominating convention in May and she is working on finalizing how GPNM will be involved in supporting her campaign.

At our next business meeting Green Party of *Santa Fe* will decide whether or not to endorse Carol's run for congress. Carol's values are congruent with Green values, however, she is running as an Independent. To get information on Carol Miller's run for congress go to: carolmillercongress.com. Come to the business meeting on August 5 to help decide whether or not to endorse Carol Miller for Congress.

Straight Party Voting Issues

We discussed the issue that voters don't have all the information about how to override straight party voting. It is not well understood that you can make exceptions, i.e., select the straight party option *and* cast a vote for a candidate of another party at the same time. This information should be part of an educational campaign. Since poll workers give information on how to cast a straight-party vote, information should also be given on how to vote for other candidates. Xubi agreed to check with the Secretary of State's office, about this issue.

Further discussion of Action Agenda

We agreed that it will be important to make Rick's campaign a priority for GPSF, and do it in a way that builds the party. There was much discussion about the best way to achieve both goals. On July 15 we will review the ideas that have been generated at the last two meetings about our action agenda, and continue to get as much input as possible. Having lots of people here to decide about the action agenda is what building the party is all about. The challenge is how to get a lot of people out for Rick's campaign, and plan for future projects without stretching things too thin. Here is the list of ideas to begin the discussion on July 15:

- Buy Nothing Day in November
- Santa Fe Hours
- Democracy School
- CCNS water issue
- Oil drilling in Santa Fe County
- "Nuts and Bolts" conference after the election in November.
- Do an educational campaign to bring people on board with the idea of the global pending crisis of water, food, energy—this is moving more rapidly that people are given information about.

Updating the GPSF Brochure and tabling materials

Carl Hansen now has the box of tabling materials including recent copies of the Green Pages, and the canopy. Carl will work with Tom Knoblauch to redesign the brochure.

Section 4: Announcements

- Counties will be practicing the new recount law in Valencia, Cibola and Bernalillo counties. They will be hand counting 50,000 ballots in Bernalillo. Reports will be available July 2, 2008. For more information on this, check the Voting Matters website at votingmatters.net.
- Help promote the July 21 Movie! ("Doing it for Uncle Graham" 6:30 pm at The Film Center)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm with a moment of silence.

Submitted by Suzanne Otter