

Minutes of GPSF Business Meeting 9/1/09

Green Party of Santa Fe Co. Meeting Minutes of 9/1/09

Attending: Gail Karr, Leroy Wittwer, Michael Collins, Sean Knight, John Otter, Marion Seymour, Vaeme Afokpa, Rick Fabrick

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$171 in the bank, minus coming expense, we have about \$100 dollars in available funds.

Committee to work to Legalize Marijuana:

A poll taken of Santa Fe Green Party members indicated 90 percent of those voting supported the Green Party working for the legalization of marijuana. The Steering Committee authorized the creation of a committee to work towards that end. The official title is the Santa Fe Co. Green Party Committee to Legalize Marijuana, (CLM for short). We are authorized to work on a non-partisan basis, and will be seeking coalition members. All press releases, petitions, pamphlets, etc. are to be authorized by the Chair of the SFGP, Sean Knight. If you would like to receive regular updates, or would be willing to volunteer on the committee, please post a note on the webpage indicating your interest at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/sfgpclm> The next CLM meeting is scheduled for 8/15 (3rd Tues.) at the Pyramid Café at 7 PM.

Marion has resigned as Membership Chair. She has been elected secretary of Another Jewish Voice (and friends). She joins Larry Wang and others in efforts to educate our congressional delegation with regard to the \$30 billion the U.S. has pledged Israel over the next 10 years. Israel agrees to use 70% to buy military equipment from the US. Much of it is used against Palestine. We acknowledge her work with the GPSF, appreciate her continued presence at our meetings, and wish her great success in her new position. She remains Membership chair of GPNM. Rick Fabrick was elected Membership Chair. He will take on responsibility for the newsletter. Submissions, announcements should be sent to Rick at rfabrick@gmail.com Please type "newsletter" in the subject box. If you would like to continue receiving the "Meeting Minutes," please sign up as a member to the site:<http://groups.google.com/group/gpsfminutes>, or e-mail your interest at: gpsfminutes@googlegroups.com

Rick will take a couple of boxes of meeting minutes going back many years and the box with materials for tabling.

State Report: We are as yet unsure to the status of the Green Party in the State of New Mexico. John Otter, our GPSC Treasurer, has been in touch with the Sec. of State's

Office, and they have told him they would get back to him, but have yet to do so. We will continue to follow-up.

National Report: The Green Party of the United States has had to borrow about \$35,000 for operational costs and bills coming due. If you would like to help keep your party strong, then donate by going to gp.org (and tell 'em the Santa Fe Greens sent ya).

Next Meeting: Oct 3rd, 7PM Pyramid Cafe