

SFGP Meeting Minutes 1/5/10*

*Attending: *Marion Seymour, John Otter, Sean Knight, Sheila Sullivan, Maurice Webster, Gail Karr, Andrew Sharp, David Cortez, Jeff Kotowski, George Martin, Kai Schwartz, Russell Simon, Sam Pearson, Sienna Sanchez, Avree Koffman, Rick Fabrick, and about six students from Joe Henderson's class at Monte Sol who didn't sign the attendance sheet

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 1/1: \$682- checking, \$17- savings

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*Russell Simon Endorsement: * Question and Answer period for the candidate, later in the meeting we broke into a smaller group of active Greens to discuss the candidates endorsement. Approved Mr. Simon's endorsement by consensus.

***None of us seemed to be happy with how the endorsement process is going this year, so we are getting questions together for a survey of other candidates who may seek the SFGP endorsement. hopefully we can have a completed survey/questionnaire to be answered by candidates before requesting endorsement at our next meeting.

If you have any "questions for the candidates" you would like included in a survey questionnaire for future candidates, please contact Rick at 505 577 7434, or on-line at rfabr HYPERLINK "http://groups.google.com/groups/unlock?_done=/group/gpsfminutes/browse_thread/thread/19f27543d3ac4899&msg=ce0aaeafa892c021" \t "_parent" ..@gmail.com and we will consider including them in a survey. If there is interest in getting together in person to go over the endorsement process, we could have an informal meeting.

*Local Report: *We have approved sponsorship by the SFGP of the Santa Fe Farmer's Market Institute/ Film Sponsorship. Marion donated \$50, Rick donated \$20. The SFGP will pay the remainder of the the sponsorship, \$180. If anyone would like to donate for this effort, it will reduce the burden of the SFGP and offers us much opportunity for exposure: twice monthly e-mail blasts to a list of 3,000, promotion in the Santa Fe Farmer's Market newsletter, promotion on fliers, and public recognition at every movie event, and a 2"x 4.5" ad. To donate for this promotion of the Green Party, please contact John Otter to make a donation.

***At the request of members at our last business meeting. I will now send out an agenda about a week before our meeting to those of you who receive the monthly meeting minutes.

The date of our *County Convention* has been set for Tues., March 9th, at 7PM. Location TBA

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*State Report: *The date for the *State Convention* of the New Mexico Green Party has been set for Sat. March 20th,

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National Report: I spoke with Bill Kreml today, and he said he got a hold of Marion and that everything is finally taken care of and so we the New Mexico Green Party have forgiven the debt the National Party owes us as part of the State Sharing Program we are participating in. Any donations to the USGP can be made on-line through gp.org or by calling 866-414-7336

George Martin presenting

1. U.N. Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review, New York City: International Conference, April 30-May 1 at Riverside Church, opening speakers are Hubakasha (Atomic Bomb Survivors from Japan) and Nadine Padilla of Acoma Pueblo and MASE, a coalition of the pueblos against uranium mining.

International March and Rally, May 2nd from U.N. to 8th Ave.

2. U.S. Social Forum National Planning Council working in Albuquerque from April 8-10 for the U.S. Social Forum 2010 in Detroit June 22-27.

3. U.S. Green Party Annual Meeting is also in Detroit June 24-27 with workshops Thursday/Friday and business meetings Saturday/ Sunday.

For details on the above, please contact George Martin at 414-745-5740 or <niiadje HYPERLINK "http://groups.google.com/groups/unlock?_done=/group/gpsfminutes/browse_thread/thread/19f27543d3ac4899&msg=ce0aaeafa892c021" \t "_parent" ..@gmail.com>.

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*CLM Report: *Contacted the City Clerk and the Deputy Co. Clerk about doing initiatives. It is too late for a March Initiative on the city level. The earliest we can get drug reform initiative on the city ballot is the election of March 2012, unless we pursue a costly process for a special election. So, barring a special election happening, we will not pursue the initiative process until 2011. Yolanda Vigil said if we check in every few months, she would know if someone else was pushing for a special election, and at that point we may reconsider a city initiative. The county said that there were no options for initiative/referendum on the State or Santa Fe County level.

Draft petitions to the State legislature/Senate, our US Rep and Senators were circulated. Anybody interested in reviewing, please contact Rick

Next Meeting: Tues. Feb. 2nd, Pyramid Cafe, 7PM