

Santa Fe Co. Green Party Meeting Minutes for Feb. 2nd, 2010

Attendance: Gail Karr, Maurice Webster (Facilitator), George Martin, Rick Fabrick, Sean Knight, John Otter, Micheal Collins (Time Keeper), and Stefanie Beninato (Candidate for City Council, Dist. 2)

Candidate seeking endorsement: Stefanie Beninato made appeal for the SFGP Endorsement in her campaign to replace the incumbent Councillor Wurtzburger. She was allowed a half an hour, and made a very fine presentation. Answered questions and hit on a few issues dear to our members, energy independence, economic diversification, emphasis on bike lanes and pedestrian friendlier city, caps on water usage.

She then left and we began our meeting

Moment of Silence

Approved/amended Agenda

Treasurer's Report (John Otter) :

Bills paid, \$122 contributions made, current combined balance is approx. \$470

SFGP Endorsements/Process:

We discussed Candidate Beninato's presentation and outside research brought to our attention and unanimously decided to make no endorsement in the City Council District 2 race.

We discussed the process, and decided to convene a task force to meet and bring forward a written policy to our next Business Meeting in April for the groups approval. We will also draft written question appropriate for other office seekers. We decided not to endorse candidates for Partisan Races until after that party's primary (it would look like meddling in other party's process), and so Adam Kokesh will need to be notified he is off of our April Agenda (seeking endorsement for his race to be the Republican Nominee for the Third US Congressional District).

***Seeking Volunteers for Endorsement Task Force, contact Rick rfabrick@gmail.com

County Convention:

Green Party of Santa Fe, County Convention

Tues. March 9th, 7-10PM,

The Commons Room (contact Marion for directions)

Program:

Guest Speaker: George Martin

Elect Officers to: Co-Chairs (two positions/ seek gender balance), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Green Council Delegates to State Party (two positions/ seek gender balance).

***If you would like to be a delegate to the State Convention, but cannot make the Santa

Fe County Convention, please contact Sean Knight (County Chair) at sean@ic.org.

Some members at the Business Meeting volunteered to bring snacks and beverages.

Committee to Legalize Marijuana: Seeks approval to move forward recognition/endorsement by NMGP to conduct statewide petition drive to legalize marijuana.

Green Values In Action Awards: Nominations are being accepted for this year's Green Values In Action Awards, nominated thus far, Drug Policy Alliance, Joni Ahrends of Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety, Melissa McDonald for her work on water issues.

Advertisement: After discussing various options (mailer, newspaper ad, free ad, newsletter) and cost, we decided to stick to using our newsletter to make the announcement to registered greens. Sean will update the web page to announce as well.

State Convention: Marion Seymour (NMGP Secretary) sent word through Gail that the Albq. Greens will take care of the details for the State Convention, date/time/loc. TBA

Committee to Legalize Marijuana (clm): Proposal was made for State Petition, many comments were made, and the petition was referred back to committee.

Announcements: The proposed tax on medicinal marijuana failed to get out of committee, although not likely to come up again this term, it is still able to come-up again.

Gail announced there will be a "spontaneous gathering" on the steps of the Capital on April 20th at 4:20.