

GPSF Minutes of Business Meeting 4/6

Attendance: Tom Knoblauch, Dean Williamson, Rick Fabrick, Sean Knight, Reed Young

Moment of Silence

Amended and Approved Agenda

Treasurer's Report: (Sean) Most recent info is from the County Convention.

Report from County Convention (Rick):

Attendance: Sean Knight, Rick Fabrick, Marion Seymour, John Otter, Micheal Collins, Dean Williamson, George Martin, Mitch Buszec, Sheila Sullivan, and Tom Knoblauch

Presentation by George Martin regarding Global and National Peace Movement
Treasurer's Report: We have spent \$891 over the last year, our current balance is \$442
The proposal by the Committee to Legalize Marijuana to seek sponsorship to the State Green Party by the County Green Party to conduct a state-wide petition drive of the State Legislature advocating for the Legalization of Marijuana generated a blocking concern by a member.

Officers elected: SFGP Co-Chair and Secretary - Rick Fabrick
Treasurer - Sean Knight
Delegates to the NM Green Council – Rick Fabrick, Marion Seymour, Sheila Sullivan, and Tom Knoblauch
Delegates to the State Convention: Micheal Collins, Tom Knoblauch, Marion Seymour, Dean Williamson, George Martin, and Rick Fabrick

Endorsed the Annual "Stop the War Machine" Rally on 3/20

Announcement: Bob Young has passed away

Report from State Convention:

Officers Elected: NMGP Co-Chair: Michal Mudd

NMGP Treasurer: Terry Mulcahy

Delegates to Green Council: We don't have that info yet

Endorsement Process Task Force (EPTF): We have developed policies and practices accepted by the Group, however, a written policy will not be presented until next month. We will not make endorsements of candidates of another party before that party's primary. We will not make endorsements before the last day of filing for office has passed.

We will create a Questionnaire Survey expected to be completed before the SFGP's Monthly Business Meeting, and we desire the candidate to make an "in person" request for our endorsement and spend a short time to be interviewed by those interested Green members attending our meeting. After the candidate leaves the meeting, we will discuss the candidate and make the endorsement decision. Should we endorse a candidate from another party, we will not distribute our mailing lists or other resources, but will allow a caucus of supporters to conduct mailing, phone banking, or use whatever other resources we can help the candidate we have endorsed. If membership allows, we would encourage scheduling candidate forums/debates, and the group may wish to create an endorsement committee to handle the creation of the candidate survey, and possibly be charged with making the endorsement.

CLM Report: John and Tom revising the letter to the legislators again. Work on the petition drive continuing, we will work on tightening up our proposal. We are approved to work on supporting a rally at the Roundhouse on 4/20 at 4:20. Hope to see you there!!!! Next meeting: Pick Room, Downtown Lib. 4/20 1-2 PM

For further info: contact Rick clmsc@googlegroups.com

Bylaws Working Group: A bylaws working group has started. We need to update our bylaws and get this copy on file with the Sec. of State's Office. The current copy they have on file was last updated in 2000. The group is strongly encouraged by the GPSF Steering Committee to focus on the most recent approved bylaws and modify that document so that we can expeditiously get an updated version of the bylaws approved by the Green Council and then put on file with the Sec. of State's Office. The Chair has been directed to contact the State Party Officers and find out what are the most recently approved version of our bylaws.

CEP proposal: Proposal to encourage the State of NM to withdraw from legislation passed after the "Republican Revolution" of 1994 that allows individual states to let employers pay tipped employees \$2.13/hr. If tipped employees were paid min. wage, they would gain approx. \$10,000/yr. annually for full-time work. This would lift many families out of poverty. It seems like it would be a good issue for us to pursue. The name Committee for Equal Pay (CEP) has been rejected, so a new name is needed at our first meeting.

First Meeting Pick Room, Downtown Lib. 4/27 2-3 PM
socialjusticenow@googlegroups.com to join or for more information.

CNFW proposal: We would like to see work being done to create a nuclear free world. We do not have a name or volunteers for this group yet, but will set-up a meeting space and list-serve to see if we can get some support for this timely and necessary work.

First meeting Pick Room, Downtown Lib. 4/20 2:30-3:30 PM
nuclearfreeworld@googlegroups.com for further information or to volunteer.

Moving GPSF meetings to different space generated many suggestions. We all agreed we want to get out of the Pyramid (great space but small when we get over ten people), several suggestions were made for locations, we will discuss next month. A suggestion was also made to move the meeting times from 7-9 to 6:30-8:00. This will shave a half hour off of the meeting time, and let us get out at 8:00 for those who don't like driving late. Those checking out locations were also directed to ask about this alternate timeframe.

David Bacon: Requests our approval to endorse and use our resources to organize support for his campaign. Unfortunately, he is running in a Democratic Party Primary and so we are unable to endorse him. The group expressed great admiration for David, and greatly appreciates his previous work as a Green candidate in the past, and so short of endorsement of his campaign, we will see what we can do.

Announcements:

Capital Roundhouse

April 20th at 4:20 PM

(A rally/gathering to support reform of marijuana laws)