

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Green Party of Santa Barbara County
Westside Recreation Center
423 W. Victoria

August 27, 2003
7:00-9:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Present: County Council members Bud Boothe, Nancy Broyles, John Foran, Pat Hiles, Dorothy Holland, Leo Raabe, and Bill Smithers
Also present: Paul Kirsch and David Wass, plus David Forston (SBCAN) for part of the time

II. Preliminary Housekeeping:

- A. Facilitator: Nancy Broyles; note-taker Dorothy Holland
- B. After introductions, the minutes of the Aug. 13th meeting were approved, with the following corrections:
 - IV.A.1. Instead of 50% plus 1, read 50% or over
 - IV.A.3. i i i i i i i i
- C. Treasurer's report by Bill Smithers
 - 1. Bank balance of \$2,314.48
 - 2. Our share of the State GP (\$88) has been paid, based on contributions received minus fund-raising expenses plus 10%.
 - 3. The required payment to the Federal Political Practices Commission was filed on time.
 - 4. Bill was commended for his thorough work and attention to details.
- D. Mail
 - 1. Notice from the Pro-Choice Coalition regarding the Great American Write-in Sept. 13th 1 to 3 PM.
 - 2. Green Party media advisory stating that the Green Party is the only

growing political party in the U.S.

- E. Announcements
 - 1. Bud announced that the Vandenberg Coalition raised over \$1,000 recently for their Legal Defense Fund.
 - 2. The next trash pick-up will be Saturday, Sept. 20.
 - 3. Judith Evered is planning a music festival designed to raise money to help defray legal costs of Vandenberg protesters, including Bud Boothe. She had tentatively set the date as Oct. 4, which would conflict with our Green Assembly.
 - 4. The next play in Bill's radio series will be aired at 7 PM Monday, Sept. 1, on KCSB (91.9 FM).
 - 5. The deadline for participation in UN Day Oct. 25 is October 20.

III. State Plenary in San Diego Sept. 13-14

- A. Nancy hopes to attend.
- B. Since there are two other events scheduled for that week-end (Organic Festival and Great American Write-In), it was agreed that we would wait until our next meeting Sept. 10 to for people to decide which they will be attending (Bill and Leo committed to the Organic Festival; Pat to the Great American Write-In).

IV. Regional Tri-Counties meeting

- A. Sunday, Aug. 31, in Los Olivos (Boothe residence)
- B. Noon potluck; meeting 1 PM to 5 PM.
- C. Nancy and Dorothy plan to attend; the other Council members were uncertain.

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- D. Nancy suggested the following agenda items:
 - 1. How Greens should vote on recall and Camejo
 - 2. Possible joint projects; Nancy's list of 20 includes the following:

- a. Global warming
- b. Environmental
- c. Vandenberg Action and fund-raising
- 3. Power of corporations
- 4. Publicizing Instant Run-off Voting

V. Local

A. Dave Wass made a passionate plea for the local Green Party to spearhead a coalition which would address the power of corporations in the US..

1. Dorothy reported that the local branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom had done an in-depth study on that subject, and that Nancy and Judith Evered some time ago proposed a week-end workshop called "Reining in Corporate Power" and featuring a Green from Arcata, where the City Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting any corporation from violating local laws.

2. Bill proposed that a subcommittee consisting of Dorothy, Nancy, David, Pat, and Judith come back to our next meeting with a concrete plan. Consensus.

3. Paul suggested that, following the Green Party's principle of decentralization of power, we should connect with other Greens and other biological regions. He also distributed a list of "Leftist Parties of the World", subtitled "Green and Alternative Parties".

B. Green Assembly Saturday, Oct. 4

1. John reported that the Townley room in the basement of the main library has been reserved from 12:30 to 5:30 PM at a cost of \$80, which includes permission to serve food. The room seats 50-60 people

2. He suggested the Assembly be held from 1:30 to 4:30, with a break for refreshments.

3. It was agreed that during our next two meetings, publicity and agenda should be worked out, the latter to include a discussion of the recall election.

4. It was also agreed that invitations to participate should be sent as soon as possible to Green Party candidates Bob Cawley and Tom Hutchings.

C. Revising our By Laws

1. Bill suggested that, since we have already proposed changing two parts of the By Laws (regarding how many Council members must be present in order to conduct business, and what vote is required

to pass a proposal that does not have consensus) we next consider what vote should be required to change our ByLaws (the present By Laws call for a 4/5 vote). Consensus

2. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

3. Dorothy made sure that all Council members had a copy of the By Laws (there are two versions).

D. Supporting Peter Camejo

1. With a view to covering one agenda item for the Tri-County Regional meeting, Nancy polled the Council members regarding our stand on the Oct. 7th ballot recall measure (the State Green Party has taken no stand on this). Since there was no consensus, a vote was taken, with the following results:

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a. 4 for a yes vote, 2 for a no vote, 1 abstention

b. So the Yes on recall won.

2. In response to Nancy's question as to how we could help get Camejo's name before the public,

a. It was suggested we ask the State Green Party for recommendations.

b. As many of us as possible write letters to the editor of local papers.

c. Bill agreed to send to our e-mail list messages he has been receiving from Camejo's campaign manager.

E. Report on Bob Cawley's campaign

1. He asked that we start contacting the Green Party names on the list which he left at our last meeting. (Dave Wass has them.)

2. He will be interviewed Monday, Sept. 1, on Dave's program iUp Close and Personal at 5 PM, Channel 17.

F. Santa Barbara CAN

1. David Forston, Executive Director of Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN), gave a report.

2. It included the following information:

a. SBCAN aims to promote grassroots action on social-justice, environmental, and economic issues, such as affordable housing, preserving open space, and living wage.

b. SBCAN has more than 600 dues-paying members, plus 6 organizational members.

c. Since it is a 501(c)4 organization, it can endorse candidates.

G. Nancy gave a brief report on CHIAPA

H. Nuclear - Nancy mentioned that radio-active wastes are being put into consumer products, including tires.

I. In connection with the Goleta election on districting in 2004, it was suggested that we send to a staff person on the Goleta City Council information on instant run-off voting.

VI. Next meeting

A. Wednesday, Sept. 10

B. Facilitator: John Foran