

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

MINUTES

September 24, 2003

7:05-9:15 PM

I. Present: County Council members Bud Boothe, Nancy Broyles, John Foran,

Pat Hiles, Dorothy Holland, Leo Raabe, and Bill Smithers

Also present: Bob Cawley (during first part), Paul Kirsch, Chris Page (new Central California Region representative to the state Coordinating Committee), David Wass

II. Preliminary Housekeeping:

A. Facilitator: John Foran; note-taker Dorothy Holland

B. After introductions, the minutes of the Sept. 10th meeting were approved, with the following correction:

p. 3, V.C.3.c. The last 3 lines should read as follows:

\$37 registration fee (including 2 lunches & 2 breakfasts)

Total for two delegates: \$74

C. Treasurer's report by Bill Smithers

1. Bank balance of \$2,165.77

2. It was determined that the continuing increase in the phone bill is

because computer use is counted as local calls on a business line.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Mail

1. Letter from Hutchings thanking us for our \$500 contribution, which will be used for newspaper and radio ads.

2. Newsletter Space Alert from the Global Network against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space

3. Current issue of Hope Dance

E. Announcements

1. Protest at Vandenberg AFB main gate Sat., Oct. 11, 1 PM.

2. Bud Boothe's trial for trespassing there has been postponed until Dec. 19 at 9 AM at the Bankruptcy Court. He is now being accused of breaking probation.

3. Bill was recently told by John Strawn that Ralph Nader has asked to

be put on the California primary ballot. Chris reported that Lorna Salzman, Kent Mesplay, and David Cobb have done likewise.

4. Santa Barbara Common Ground Peace & Social Justice Film Festival will be Oct. 3-4-5. Nancy reported that one of the venues will be at the

Unitarian Society Oct. 5 from 2 to 6 PM.

5. Paul showed a pamphlet entitled "How to Get Elected" and written by the mayor of Arcata. Bill will put it in our archives.

6. Sat., Nov., 15, marks the anniversary of our local weekly peace marches. Not In Our Name announces a short march but long program at Vera Cruz Park. (Nancy)

7. John distributed an up-dated Council address list, including John Strawn's new address.

III. Ongoing Business

A. Bob Cawley gave a 10-minute report on his campaign as City Council candidate. He has appeared on KCSB radio and TV channel 17; had a booth

at the Organic Festival; was interviewed privately by the local Police Dept., whose endorsement he did not get; and plans to organize a "Meet the Candidates" forum and a fund-raiser ("Yoga in Politics--A New Path to Enlightenment") Oct. 25 and Nov. 1.

B. Tabling

1. Gay Pride Festival Oct. 10-11

a. Bill reported that the organizers require liability insurance, which we do not have (nor does the California Green Party), and that the deadline for registering was Sept. 15.

b. It was therefore agreed that we will not participate.

2. United Nations Day Sat., Oct. 25, City College 8 AM-3:30 PM (Leo)

a. Outdoor table (8-9 AM and during lunch hour only)

b. Cost \$20

c. There was consensus that we participate.

3. Discussion of inventorying and stocking tabling materials postponed until Oct. 8th meeting.

C. Contribution to Camejo campaign

1. Nancy proposed that we donate \$500 to Peter Camejo's campaign.

2. Her previous proposal had included a friendly amendment regarding the recall issue, which we subsequently voted to oppose. 3. John, Pat, and Leo abstained; Dorothy was in favor; and Bill and Bud were opposed. So the proposal did not carry.

D. Green General Assembly October 4 - Townley Room, Public Library 1-5 PM

The following details were agreed on:

12:30-1 PM Set-up (John and Leo)

1-1:30 PM: Arrivals and refreshments (Nancy, Dorothy, Pat)

Materials: Hand-outs; should we sell anything? Tabler?

Child-care: Dorothy Boothe in children's section

1:30-2 PM: Facilitator John Foran; introductions (each Council member to include special concerns), announcements

2-3:00 PM: Campaign organizing 15 minutes each, including questions:

Bob Cawley

Tom Hutchings

Recall (State GP Nancy; Bill Smithers no; Pat Hiles yes)

National GP presidential candidates (Bill)

3-3:15 PM: Break - Refreshments (Bud, Nancy, Pat; John will investigate

coffee possibilities)

3:15-4:45: Brainstorming (Leo will record on chart to be furnished by John;

Dorothy will take notes and write a summary afterwards)

Possible topics: Party goals; building Party membership; fund-raising; presidential campaign actions

Let audience initiate, but be ready with our favorite topics

(e.g., IRV; corporate democracy; Vandenberg protests; nuclear)

4:45-5:15: Wrap-up (Ask for people's impressions, what they're excited

about; thank the participants)

IV. October 8th meeting

A. The following were postponed to the October 8th meeting:

1. Joining SB CAN with an organizational membership
2. Sending information on IRV to the Goleta City Council.
3. Report on the Tri-County meeting Aug. 31
4. Report on creating an anti-corporate working group on "Reining in Corporate Power" at the state and local levels (Nancy)
5. By-Laws revision
6. Further action on contacting voters on Bob Cawley's behalf
7. Presentation by Bruce Rittenhouse, Green candidate for SB City Council, with a request for our endorsement.

B. Facilitator: Pat Hiles (alphabetically according to Council members' last names) Duties: Get key same day before 5 PM; make agenda; preside.