

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

April 28, 2004
7:10-9:10 PM

MINUTES

Present: County Council members Bud Boothe, Nancy Broyles, John Foran, Patricia Hiles, Paul Kirsch, Leo Raabe, and David Wass

Also present: Consuelo Delgado and Dorothy Holland

A. Housekeeping

1. Facilitator Nancy Broyles; co-facilitator Pat Hiles
2. Note-taker: Dorothy Holland
3. Announcements
 - a. ?United for Democracy--Army of One? May 8, 10:30 AM, Victoria Theater (Pat)
 - b. ?Military Madness = Corporate Profiteering?; 4th forum May 13, 6:30-9:00 PM, Faulkner Gallery (co-sponsored by the Green Party and WILPF/SB) - Pat proposed that the Green Party pay \$25 to support this event as co-organizer. Concensus.
 - c. Video ?Arsenal of Hiporcracy? showing 7 PM May 21 Unitarian Society Jefferson Hall (Nancy)
 - d. ?Students for Peace? - April 29, City College 10 AM-2 PM (Pat)
 - e. Protest at Vandenberg AFB 1-4 PM; meal at Bud?s in Los Olivos afterwards (Bud)
 - f. In the California primary, the only presidential candidates who got more votes than Kucinich were Kerry and Edwards (Bud)
 - g. Bud will take orders for ?Weapons of Mass Destruction? T-shirts (any amount over \$9 goes to the Vandenberg Legal Defense Fund)
 - h. Organizing meeting of Campus Greens at UCSB noon May 3 UCEN (John will facilitate; several Greens plan to attend)
4. The April 14th minutes were accepted.
5. Treasurer?s report (John)
 - a. \$1,536 balance (after paying the state dues and before paying \$100 to SBCAN)
 - b. Gross receipts at the David Barsamian fund-raiser: \$465

Room rental	\$185
Net receipts	\$280

B. Revision of By-Laws - Dorothy distributed a ?Present Status? sheet and copies of the proposed Revised By-Laws

1. Amendments recently approved by the County Council and revised 28 Apr.
 - a. These By-Laws can be amended by a vote of five of the present seven-member County Council (Article III, Sec. 4.02) July 23, 2003

b. Any registered Green who attends five Council meetings in 3 months should be allowed to vote*. (July 23, 2003)

At the April 28th meeting, there was concensus that this should be incorporated in the revised By-Laws as Section 4.03 of Article III.

Also April 28 the following addition was authorized (Leo stood aside with an unresolved concern; he wanted to add "until they qualify again to vote*?"):

Any voting member who does not attend a meeting in 3 months without cause loses his/her voting privilege.

*No distinction was made between "participate in the decision-making process" and "vote".

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c. A quorum for conducting business at County Council meetings consists of 50% plus 1 of the number of Council members. (The word "Council" was changed to "voting" at the April 28th meeting) (to be inserted as Section 4.04 to Article III).

d. A vote of 4 is necessary to pass a proposal when no concensus is reached and therefore a vote is necessary. If there is a different of Council members, 50% plus 1 is required. (July 23, 2003)

The following changes were made April 28th by concensus:

? The word "voting" was substituted for the word "Council"

? The words "plus 1" were replaced by the word "or more"

This will be inserted as Section 4.05 to Article III.

e. General Assemblies (aka "Green Assemblies?") Article IV, Sec. 1.01:

The Green Party of Santa Barbara County shall meet at least four times a year. These meetings shall be called General Assemblies of the Green Party of Santa Barbara County (General Assemblies).

Adopted July 3, 2003. The following change was made April 28:

The word "four" was changed to "two".

Add to Article IV as Section 1.03 (it was part of the proposal to reinstitute Green Assemblies):

Purpose: To discuss the issues before the Greens on a local, state, national, and global level, and to brainstorm initiatives and projects for the California Gren Party to work on.

2. Changes in Revised By-Laws made April 28, 2004:

a. Council Officers (Article III, Section 3)

Add to 3.01 Facilitator: There may be a co-facilitator, who will act when the facilitator wants to make a proposal or participate in the discussion

b. Under Article III, Section 3.02 Treasurer:

302. c) The Treasurer will serve at the discretion of the Council*

c. Under Article III, Section 3.03 Secretary:

c) The Secretary will serve at the discretion of the Council*

*?a term of two years? was deleted in both of these

3. Additional suggestions:

a. That the agenda, minutes, and attendance sheet for each meeting all be kept in a notebook and passed from one facilitator to the next.

b. That, in addition to By-Laws, there be ?Guidelines?; e.g., for:

? Decision-making (patterned after the state Green Party)

? County Council Membership for the Green Party

? Candidate Endorsement

? County Council Members

4. It was agreed that discussion of the By-Laws should be continued at the Council?s retreat, for which the secretary will furnish copies of the By-Laws which include the above changes, plus several other recommendations.

C. John reported that our Barsamian Fund-raiser was a great success. About 50 people attended, and we netted \$280, as noted in the treasurer?s report.

D. Green Retreat for Council Members (Sunday, May 4, 10 AM to 4 PM at Bud?s)

1. Consuelo Delgado, Dorothy Holland, and Art Schwartz were also invited

2. John distributed an agenda, which included future focus, outreach and building the party, fundraising, general assemblies, structure and models for our work, and By-laws work (election strategy was added).

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E. California GP Plenary - Sacramento June 5-6

1. Nancy Broyles, Bud Boothe, and Dave Wass were officially confirmed as our delegates

F. Green Party of U.S. Convention in Milwaukee June 23-26

1. Prepaid fees must be reimbursed by May 1st

2. The delegates who attend the State GP Plenary will be trained there for participation in the Milwaukee convention

G. Our meeting with Das Williams has been set for Saturday, May 8, from 4 to 6 PM at John?s house. This is an opportunity to discuss applying Green values to City Council issues.

H. Green Sunday June 13 at Nancy?s

1. It was agreed the topic will be ?Greens and the Election?. Nancy will try to get John Strawn as a speaker.

2. It will be a dinner (\$10 charge) prepared by Council members.

3. It will be a fund-raiser, proceeds to go to the Green Party of California.

I. Individual working groups

1. With Pat acting as co-facilitator, Nancy suggested that in the future, each Council member head a working group reflecting her/his special interest;

e.g., Bud, Vandenberg; Pat, economic justice; Nancy, environment

2. Each would attend relevant local meetings and contribute relevant articles to the newsletter.
3. This will be discussed at the retreat under "Structure and models for our work".

J. Green Scene - Spring edition

1. John distributed a "planner" listing suggested articles and contributors
2. It should include mention of our new policy of allowing active members to participate in the Council's decision-making process.
3. No time-line has been set yet.

K. Summer Solstice June 19-20

1. We have been invited to have a table, as we did last year.
2. The fee (usually for vendors) is \$300. Leo was authorized to reserve a Green Party table if one can be obtained for \$125 or less.
3. The deadline is May 15.

L. Postcards

1. It was agreed that Nancy could send postcards listing GP events.
2. This would be in addition to John's sending e-mail notices.

M. Future community events

1. In order to allow time for preparation for our participation, it was agreed we should put such events on our Council agenda at least 2 months in advance.
2. Two examples:
 - a. Labor Peace March in October (California GP)
 - b. July 4th parade (Dave's suggestion)

N. Next meeting

1. Wednesday, May 12
2. Facilitator: John Foran