

COUNTY COUNCIL 7-28-04
GREEN PARTY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

In attendance: Patricia Hiles, John Foran, Nancy Broyles, Paul Kirsch, Leo Raabe, Bud Boothe, Arthur Schwartz, Rich Kaplan, Kate Zeiss.
Facilitator: Patricia Hiles. Note-taker: Leo Raabe.

Minutes of previous meeting: Page 1, Announcements, "Bud still needs tabling apprentices" should read "Art still needs . . . "

Treasurer's report : The treasury holds \$1184.00, with estimated expenses from the Milwaukee convention of \$300.00, which would leave about \$900.00.
Membership has yet to be updated.

Additions to the agenda:

Dave/John: Local issues.

Paul: Bicycles.

John: Fundraising, Membership Fees.

Announcements:

Bud: Vandenberg protest Sat 7-31, Macgregor Eddy will still be walking in from Vandenberg Village. Bruce Gagnon will be at the 1-3 pm Vandenberg protest. Bud hopes to recruit the Lompoc Women in Black to these events.

Helen Caldecott will be at the Vandenberg demonstration on Sat 9-25.

The next trash pickup in Buellton will be the second Saturday in Bud needs at least 6 people for the trash pickup

Dennis Apfel was arraigned on the scheduled date, but at the wrong time of day. His trial is set for January. Macgregor Eddy's arraignment is coming up in December.

John: Announcements and mail: mail from Daniel Berrigan on U.S. military in Iraq, an impassioned appeal from Hopedance for funds so they don't go under. John has reserved the room til December. Current cost is \$ 88.00.

Time Sensitive Matters.

Patricia suggests that we rotate note-takers, so that the next facilitator up in the rotation will serve as the note-taker (for the month prior to their facilitation.) This proposal passes.

John would like a discussion on whether the S.B. Greens support David Cobb's candidacy for President. He would like input from all present at this meeting, all local County Council members, and (if these people approve,) our local membership. Nancy notes that we are, as a member of the National Greens, required to endorse the selected candidate (David Cobb.) John notes that the

dual poll (soliciting approval of Cobb's and Nader's candidacies,) discussed at our last meeting, failed statewide.
Passed by consensus.

Inviting David Cobb to speak here: Nancy has solicited participation, but has yet to hear back from, the other two Tri-County Green Parties on this issue. John would also like Cobb to speak at UCSB. Perhaps a Friday or Friday-Saturday thing. John suggests a Friday in early October, if it can't be the 8th, then perhaps the 15th.

Paul asks when the next Congressional election is, and whether David Cobb will be running. He feels very strongly that such a good candidate should be in the running. John comments that our Campaign and Candidates Working Group is working towards this sort of action two years from now.

Reimbursement of delegates for the Milwaukee convention. Official convention registration and meals comes to \$105.00 each, this being a small part of their (Nancy, Dave, and Bud) expenses. Bud says he's willing to pay his way, Patricia responds that he can re-donate it back if he chooses. Expenditure passed by consensus.

Patricia brings up the issue of reimbursing John for his big mailer. John estimates he's still out about 8 or 9 hundred dollars, after the reimbursements he's already received, but declines further support from us, as the cost has already been incurred, and the benefits realized.

Proposed Revision of the By-Laws:

Patricia has taken the liberty of rewriting Article 1, as she thought she could lay it out more effectively.

In response to Art's comment, we agree to change the Ten Key Values to include post-patriarchal values/feminism, and future focus/sustainability. This brings the list into line with various versions of the list in existence, and doesn't really change the gist of it.

Article III receives further revision. Paul asks if we can recognize the constituency with an equal degree of empowerment as the institution itself
Wording approved: This council's guiding vision is to maintain a focus on the interests of the constituents, in balance with those of the institution.

The process continues. The revision is shelved after concluding at Article III, Section 2.05, c).

Restorative Justice/Therapeutic Jurisprudence:

Paul is organizing a Faulkner Gallery program featuring two speakers. He would like to do this before the election, to help the Prop. 66 effort. He wants to get something going on a regular basis, so the audience gets used to us being there, getting Green Key Values in front of the community. He would like to facilitate these events with available technologies, for example, using cameras if necessary to save money. Restorative Justice: Judge Frances Gallegos has used a very enlightened approach on the bench. Paul favors her as a speaker, but hasn't nailed down a second speaker. Therapeutic Jurisprudence: David Wexler. Patricia observes that Police Chief Cam Sanchez is a proponent of restorative justice, and that he may be an ideal candidate for this event. The public library has a phone jack available and a hookup to a local server in the Faulkner Gallery, but somebody needs to test it. Camera could cost some money, cost varying with capabilities. However, for under \$100 we can save the gas, let the remote speaker keep the camera, and possibly even have an interactive remote event simultaneously with our event. Video projector: Gary Atkins hasn't gotten one yet, but tells Paul that both the Fund for Santa Barbara and Penny Little's People to People Video have projectors available. Rich comments that there are existing facilities already in place for this sort of thing at UCSB. Leo mentions that the Campus Greens may be able to get us into that facility. John will look into this. Patricia will look into local proponents of Restorative Justice.

Art. Art needs an informational placard for his table, listing the Green candidates, Green endorsed positions on issues, just a general Green-info sign for the election. John will bring information to the next meeting.

David asks for input from all present on local issues which we would like to see the party get active on. John would like to develop a platform of local issues, a living document for use in local electioneering.

John would like to have our memberships and renewals administered by the calendar year, this is approved.