

Green Party of Santa Barbara County
County Council Meeting 10-27-04

Facilitator: Bud Boothe. Note-taker: Leo Raabe.

Present: Nancy Broyles, Consuelo Delgado, Patricia Hiles, John Foran, Paul Kirsch, David Wass, Bud Boothe, Sandy Stites, Everett Heath.

Treasurer's report: David Cobb house party proceeds have been partially returned to the local coffer. The Cobb campaign took in about \$500, and we got about \$100. Current balance is about \$735.00.

We have 3265 registered Greens in the County.

We have a new arrangement for memberships. All new memberships established throughout the year will henceforth be paid up for the remainder of the year, renewals due the first of the year.

Our P.O. box bill was overdue, and some mail was returned in the interim.

Last meeting's minutes were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We received a certificate of appreciation from the Department of Transportation for our Highway Cleanup program.

Nancy suggests that we may want to work harder to obtain consensus in the decision-making process. This will be an ongoing thing we need to watch out for, rather than simply voting when consensus is not readily forthcoming.

Certain Indy Media outlets in other countries have had hard drives taken by unknown parties, apparently including FBI operatives. Paul has joined in letter writing in protest, as no due process was involved in these thefts.

Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai may be visiting (in town or at UCSB, next spring)

The national Greens are talking about running a full-page newspaper ad on Nov. 3, since this day will see skyrocketing newspaper sales. The morning after ad campaign.

Next Highway pickup: Nov. 13 10 a.m. Avenue of The Flags, across the street from Pea Soup Andersons in Buellton.

Green phone banks are still accepting volunteers up until election day.

David Cobb's visit on Halloween will likely be followed by a smaller gathering, perhaps at the Sojourner.

We agree to cosponsor November 27 event on Peak Oil with Richard Heinberg.

Next State Plenary December 4 & 5 in Moorpark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reigning in Corporate Power forum on Corporations, Good or Bad, with a more interactive format designed to draw the audience in to the speakers' discussion. Nov 9.

Tabling. Commitment is strong to back up Art with his regular tabling effort.

Green Party candidates for political office/Growing Green Power. Dave explains that our local brain trust will research the issues which we have selected, prior to selecting candidates. The brain trust: Bud, John, Dave, Owen Dell (who is interested in candidacy.) Tim Harding, Dennis Rivers, Liz Burke.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Upcoming Speaker. Paul has yet to finalize a date in November. He's waiting until after the election.

Animal Rights-Nancy. Chester and his wife are upset about goose liver pate. They want us to make an issue out of the way they force-feed these animals to make their livers so big it kills them. Sandy observes that the News Press is owned by an animal rights champion, Wendy McCaw. Patricia asks if this treatment of the geese hasn't been outlawed. Leo mentions the other animal local rights issues, squirrels at Shoreline Park, and Coyotes in Hope Ranch. John adds that also related is GMOs, which are on the ballot this election in SLO, prohibited by the County of Mendocino, and the object of a new local organization, among others. Nancy and Sandy will work to make this an ongoing effort. We may create a tri-counties GMO coalition.

John suggests organizing another tri-county regional meeting.

We agree to join the Independent People's Politics Network, or IPPN, which will put us on their masthead and print our articles in their paper, the Independent Politics News.

Paul wants to do another dinner with Das Williams. Patricia suggests Helene Schneider this time.

November facilitator: Nancy.