

GREEN PARTY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OF 11-10-04

Facilitator: Nancy Broyles. Note-taker: Leo Raabe

In attendance: Bud Boothe, Nancy Broyles, Andrea Bonnett, Consuelo Delgado, John Foran, Leo Raabe, Arthur Schwartz, Sandy Stites, David Wass,

Announcements: Highway cleanup this Saturday across the Avenue of the Flags from Pea Soup Andersons, 10 a.m.

Andrea, who lives in Santa Maria, says that a local news outlet reported that Tom Hutchins dropped out of the race for State Assembly.

The national Green Party is so short on funds that they have been forced to cut back on certain activities.

The Greens may demand a recount in Ohio, due to be announced tomorrow, although the recount costs \$110,000. Nader has demanded a recount in New Hampshire.

The UCSB Campus Greens will be hosting the Sunday Movies at Friendship Manor commencing on November 21 in an ongoing collaboration intended to provide them financial support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: bank account balance \$735.00. Thanks to Art Schwartz. Membership renewals have still not been updated. We should be working to create a budget beginning in January.

The state GP mailing is coming out this month, with the SB Greens slated as recipients. Unfortunately, these efforts tend to lose money, but the state Green Party is doing okay financially. However, the mailing will yield us donor names.

Thea Howard has pledged a monthly donation to the party. This will be a feature of future fund-raising efforts.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Ballot Initiatives review. Mixed results. 62 failed! Three strikes reform failed. Measure A passed. Etcetera.

Restorative Justice event will probably be held after New Years.

Tabling: We have commenced e-mail appeals for tabling volunteers. UCSB Campus Greens should commence tabling at the Camino Real Marketplace Farmer's Market, if it proves feasible. The tabling committee will meet at the Saturday Farmer's Market 11-20-04.

Ventura Plenary, Moorpark College. Two Delegates: David Wass, Consuelo Delgado. Platform Revisions to the State Party Platform to be voted on (yes, no, or stand aside): Foreign Policy, Health Care, and Secular Principles.

Our positions:

Secular Principles approved by consensus, conditional on the amendment of item 9 to require: tax exempt status to be denied religious institutions only if they receive faith-based federal funding. Health Care approved by consensus. Foreign Policy approved by consensus.

The Next Step. We have produced our first Green T.V. program. It went well. David has some ideas for further improvement. He would like on-air personalities to be well-informed, to look decent, and to sit up straight in their chairs.

David wants to take the issues covered in the Green Party's full page ad in the Nation Magazine titled "Do you Oppose the War?" and cover them in the next few shows.

Next taping tomorrow 11-12. Focus on finding solutions, not placing blame.

Air times: Thursdays 5 p.m. Saturdays 8 a.m. Tuesdays 11 p.m. s

Green Scene. December 2004 issue. Planner has been distributed. We need to come up with a mailing date. Our December meeting is 12-8, so we could fold that day. Authors deadline 11-28.

Oil Event. 11-27. La Casa De Maria. We are cosponsors of this. Somebody likely will attend.

December Visitation. Anne O'Rourke, a prominent Australian Green, will be in California in December. She needs no money from us. We have no dates yet, probably early or mid December and they need home stay for 2 people. Maybe at somebody's house, a holiday party? Looks like we'll go ahead, perhaps make some money at it.

The Presidential Election. Meeting last Friday at La Casa De La Raza. It was the first meeting, next meeting this Friday 7:30.

Next meeting December 8.