

GREEN PARTY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING 3-23-05

Facilitator: Paul Kirsch

Note-Taker: Leo Raabe

In attendance: Sandy Stites, Consuelo Delgado, Nancy Broyles, David Wass, Paul Kirsch, Leo Raabe, Harley Augustino.

1) Earth Day

Sandy is sending in the application. We don't need table or chairs from them. April 23. We need a volunteer wordlist. Coming up soon. Nancy proposes that we create a bumper sticker to sell at the event. Referred to committee.

2) Earth Day Week at City College. The Student Sustainability organization is having a tabling event every day of this week, and has invited us to attend Tuesday the 19th, for which they have chosen a theme like justice or something appropriate to our interests. David wants to table there and recruit members for a new Campus Greens at SBCC.

3) Resolution of Patriot Act—call Nancy--she would look at city Council wording. Next meeting.

4) Prop 66-Nancy will work on this-next meeting.

5) By-Laws completed. David distributed copies.

6) Phone Campaign-report. Dave and Paul have worked out a script.

Sandy suggests a change: that we first confirm that they are current members, and encourage that they get current. On the proposed text, insert right after . . . focus on for the future?

By the way, have you sent in your dues for 2005? If no, we would really appreciate your support. If you can't make this amount, send what you can.

We're working on the phone tree.

7) Review plans for monthly forum. This and number 8 below overlap.

8) Review progress of Platform committees. David has been working on a general framework for platforms. This includes:

Whereas . . . Resolution-type language that articulates a solution.

Nancy notes that the health care for all proposal has changed to SB 848. She wants Peter Conn to run the health care public meeting April 27.

Sandy wants to use the phone tree to publicize the events. We could also use our various tables to publicize these events--tables advertising tables! Nancy wants to do outreach to the greater community as well.

9) Plan business meetings--e-mail ahead of time for earth day

10) Sketch of annual Budget--from Sandy. Is our membership declining like the national Green Party's?

11) Ventura meetings-who will go? Dave will work on this.

12) Plenary planning? Consuelo, Dave, and Nancy will go. They will take on the planning.

13) R.I.C.P. Requests \$25 as GP co-sponsorship of the forum which will take place March 31. This, too, can be taken up via phone/email.

14) Details for the fourth Wednesday of April meeting. (Who is Nancy getting as to speaker and who will lead the discussion? How can we publicize it to get others to attend?) The publicity should begin soon after the beginning of April. This got covered under another item.

15) What is going on with Harley-Pueblo? Articulate difference between living and minimum wage. Harley with Santa Barbara for a Living Wage brought a summary of their ordinance. (sblivingwage.org)

Paul asks Harley for action points that we can work on. Harley has 5. We should work on this next meeting. Primary targets: Roger Horton, Mayor Blum. Secondary targets: Brian Barnwell, Helene Schneider.

We have consensus of four councilors, but lack the quorum to take Harley up on his offer of Steering Committee membership. We will pursue this via phone/email.

16) Local candidates. Next meeting.