

GREEN PARTY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OF 6-11-05

-The meeting commenced at 2:10 p.m.

-Facilitator: Bud Boothe. Note-taker: Leo Raabe. In attendance: Bud Boothe, Sanderson Beck, David Wass, Paricia Hiles, Sandy Stites, Consuelo Delgado, Nancy Broyles, Dorothy Boothe. Leo Raabe arrived late.

-Treasurer's Report. We have \$1365.10 in the treasury, down from \$1476.10 on May 14. We have 93 potential members, of which 30 are paid up for 2005, with no increase in membership during the past month. The Summer Green Scene includes an appeal for new memberships and payment of dues.

-Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

-We are folding the Summer Green Scene after today's meeting.

-Consuelo has applied for membership on the Franklin Center Commission.

-May 25 Forum, State Water Issue. Carolee Kreiger provided a very informative presentation on this vital issue.

-Sanderson Beck would like to run for either House or Senate and is considering running on either the Peace and Freedom or Green ticket, for either Feinsteins' or Capps' seat. He remains flexible on the various angles and strategies around these decisions, and is seeking input on the matter. Sanderson feels that peace is the #1 issue, but he is also a strong proponent of true democracy in all of its forms, going through an extensive list of progressive issues. "One can resist the invasion of armies . . . But one cannot resist the power of ideas whose time has come." More research needs to be done on this important candidacy, and we will take up the issue at next month's meeting.

-State Plenary (Nancy, Dave, Consuelo.) Mike Feinstein's financial controversy was to be on the agenda, but he apparently pulled strings to prevent this from occurring. Nancy finds this consistent with his past activities.

Other plenary news: The party is working to rectify the strategic disparity in numbers of delegates between states with established Green Parties and those with newer parties. Work is being done on a permanent online General Assembly.

Other Plenary issues include fair taxes, fair wages, Camejo for Secretary of State, election of a new treasurer, and adjusting the consensus threshold.

-Reining in Corporate Power, WTO and CAFTA. This last presentation was a success, the best yet.

-Living Wage Report (Dave, Sandy.) Pueblo is a real powerhouse and very well organized. Dave hopes to get their support in the future for the fair wage process at the State level.

-Transportation Forum, June 22.

-John Foran will be stepping down from the County Council in August. We will be losing a member, and need to replace him.

-XVI Caravan to Cuba (Nancy.) July 11 at the Unitarian Church. A potluck is being planned to greet this mission bringing support and important supplies to our fellows in Cuba. Agenda: reception 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00, program 7:00, with a sendoff breakfast the next morning.

-Nancy is planning a Green Sunday Meeting on Sunday July 3, 4-8 p.m. 4-5 social hour. 5-6 program. 6-7 potluck. 8-9 video. She is soliciting ideas for a topic.

-Tabling (Dave.) Dave needs somebody to work with him on Tuesdays at the Farmer's Market table. He also wants to get a small canopy to set up on the sidewalk.