

**Green Party County Council
Minutes of June 10th, 2006**

In attendance:

Council members: Leo Raabe, Sandy Stites, David Wass, Bud Boothe, Patricia Hiles, and Suzanne Welsh.

Voting attendee: Consuelo Delgado

Guest: Gail Fairbum.

Sandy Stites gave the **Treasurer's report**, which was read and approved by the council. We need to build up our treasury. Note, that our test run of the ads in Independent were expensive and not as effective as we hoped. Correction to the Treasurer report: We now have \$664.53 in the treasury report.

Minutes were read and approved with the following corrections: Leo Raabe's name was misspelled (sorry Leo), Gail, David, Bud and Nancy pledged \$100 each towards a facilitator for the retreat and we agreed to use \$100 out of the treasury fund. Additionally, at the last business meeting in May, we concluded that the monthly facilitator role will apply to both the county council meetings and the public meetings. Minutes approved as revised.

Mail

Flyers for films at UCSB – should Sandy post the blurb to the Green Email list? Flyers passed around at the meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

Table Visitors Questions – David

Retreat planning

Consuelo's request for reimbursement for expenses, travel and general for the plenary.

Consuelo's plenary report

Distributed The Green Idea: The Green County Councilor's Guidebook 2006-2008

Reference library idea from Sandy. Issue – where to have it? Leo's response: "Wouldn't it be great to have a local green party office?"

Announcements:

Gail – Eهران Watada Lt in the army refusing to be deployed in Iraq – house arrest limit on communion. Contempt facing 7 years imprisonment.

ThankyouLt.org

Peter Camejo book "California Under Corporate Rule" recommended by David Wass. He and Consuelo have a copy. David Wass will bring his to the Plenary. Consuelo has volunteered to research where one can obtain a copy.

Coming Events and Issues:

Retreat announcement – Patricia – who is going to bring what food for the retreat?
(Address Deleted -- Sri)

Jack Reed is coming.

Gail will bring organic, vegetarian, quinoa salad and bottled water. Sandy will bring a Green Salad. David - Hot Rolls. Consuelo - Organic wine. Suzanne – non-alcoholic beverages juices Hanson sodas, Leo will bring Desert or snacks if he's coming.

New issues coming out of the retreat to be outlined and go out to all members in contemplation of the tri-county meeting in August.

Simon will facilitate.

Suzanne will be the scribe the retreat.

Wednesday pre-retreat meeting retreat council meeting with Simon to plan the structure of the day. Library. Tentative plan 7pm to be confirmed with Simon.

This Month's General Meeting

Sandy is the facilitate Public meeting for the 22nd of July Library downstairs.

David Wass would like to review what happened at the retreat at the general meeting. Sandy announced that we will label the Green Scene for mailing after the general members have left.

Patricia suggested that everyone read Consuelo's report from the plenary. Sandy forwarded to everyone. Topics raised in summary should be addressed at the retreat.

Brett Wagner – Sandy – recall not the same as impeachment. Agreed last meeting to reconsider whether the Green party would support a recall. Bud says it's a dead issue. Sandy volunteered to contact Bret Wagner to obtain more information. Leo says not enough to qualify for November, but maybe in time for a special election. Patricia proposes that we not endorse it. Bud and Suzanne simultaneously seconded. Bud believes that malfeasance or crime committed in office should be the standard for recall – as opposed to any reason – or holding elected officials accountable during office. Should the green party support the recall – no members voted in favor of supporting.

Leo says he raised the recall issue as a way of bring up the issue of a Green/Democrat coalition – which may also be an issue to address at the retreat. What to do in the absence of Green candidates? Sandy says we have a duty to vote period – even if it's not someone you endorse 100%.

Reports

David – Plenary – Read Consuelo's report. Executive session signed the agreement written by Michael Feinstein's lawyer regarding the issue of suspected mishandling of Green party funds. Issue was resolved at the plenary. Consuelo – there is a new time limit on serving on the CC.

Patricia – Clean City Electrons

Major says - not getting to city financing until September – on the agenda in September. Sandy – resolved that we want campaigns to be city funded. Used Patricia's points for the model of how things should be. Coalition with Democrats. Worked with Green, Eric O'Dowd to put together the resolution. Sent to the other people on the committee to attest to it. Sandy will do a news release next week and send a copy to the city council. Time line – needs to be done in time to affect the next election. Good to have other people's input as long as they aren't obstructionists. Gail – send out request to the greens to call city council once the resolution is sent to the city council. Campus greens – sb green party – friends of greens. Consuelo will forward. Gail 1) request they make phone calls 2) pass it on.

Congratulation to Patricia for the wording of the resolution. Sandy – one of the more successful endeavors we have done – look to this for future actions. Lesson not to be discouraged by city government's slowness.

Sandy says she'd like to go to Goleta next – and Santa Maria.

Leo says the Green's have column in Santa Maria times.

The Santa Barbara Daily Sound is a new newspaper – we should ask them if we can have a column. Need to find out what the requirements are for contributing

Sandy – Green Scene Progress slow – late getting stuff from Ventura – requested write-up from Consuelo on the plenary. Consuelo plans on having it done by next weekend's retreat. Women's caucus – place within the green party.

New Business:

Consuelo's request for reimbursement.

\$212

40 – registration and two tanks of gas.

86 each way – gas + housing for RV.

David declined reimbursement.

In the future we agree to require receipts for reimbursements.

No objections to reimbursing Consuelo for her expenses. Sandy will bring a check for Consuelo at the retreat.

David met someone at the table who said he has been investigated by the FBI – do we want to follow up with this issue. Leo – what are they after him for. David - Terrorism. Gail – has this been documented. David said he will contact him for more information about his story. Maybe invite him to one of the general meetings – 4th Saturday in August when David Wass will be facilitating.

David Wass – recent defense budget bill national cards to be issued to all citizens chip with financial information passed. Gave him a website to check out: themmob.org David Wass will investigate this further.

Consuelo – would it be possible to show green party candidate training video at the retreat. Consuelo has to return them. Make copies and save info for later. Printed material we get to keep. Good to have once we get to the point where we have a candidate.

Plan to honor founders of the local green party; Nancy, Bud, Art Schwartz. Buy them dinner. September – public meeting day.

Next meeting is a public meeting on July 22nd.

The next county council meeting will take place on Saturday, August, 2006. David Wass will be the meeting facilitator.