

State Meeting

Jefferson-Madison Public Library Charlottesville, Virginia February 5, 2000

Participants:

Rebecca Schreiner- Facilitator
Sherry Stanley - Valley Greens
Jim Lowenstern - NOVA Greens
Sharon Williams - NOVA Greens
Reber Dunkel - Richmond Greens
Eric Sheffield - Rockbridge Greens
Jana Cutlip - Charlottesville Greens
Aaron Feldman - Charlottesville Greens
Roger Clarke - Charlottesville Greens
Tex Wood

Agenda Building Process

Item

Election ASGP (Sherry or Jim) Decision - Medium - 10 mins
Draft - ASGP/GPUSA Merger (Sherry or Jim) - Decision - Large 30 -min
Approval of Minutes (Sharon) Introduction - Short - 5 min
Local Reports (Eric, Jim, Reber, Sherry) Introduction - Large - 30 min
Tidewater Endorsement - (Eric) - Decision - short 5 min
New and Other Items Update -
Co-Chair Report (Sharon, Jim) Introductions _ S -M- 10 min
Press Secretary
Presidential Ballot/ Ballot Access - Decision - M - L 20 mins
Contact New Members - Sharon - Introduction S- 30 mins
Endorsement of Local Labor Action Group - Introduction - Short 5 min
Support for Mattaponi Indians - Introductions - S - 2 mins
Virginia Democracy Coalition - Introductions - S- 2 min
Next Meeting - April 10th - Introduction - short 2 min
Fundraising - Introductions - Short - 10 mins

Lunch 1:30

Election of ASGP Representative

3 Days in June- National Interim Committee - We need to decide on who will be the other representative to the Denver ASGP Convention in June. at present, Virginia only has one representative - sherry Stanley, we will be electing representative to the ASGP and its possible successor organization.

Issues - What representative is being elected? ASGP or Interim Committee? Jana Cutlip felt their should be representative to both the ASGP and the GPUSA. Sherry explained the need for responsible representative who could keep up with the Email and decision making process of the ASGP. The ASGP Coordinating Committee makes decisions between meetings of the ASGP. Discussion about who is willing and able to serve as the ASGP Representative? Jim Lowenstern agreed to serve both the ASGP and the GPUSA , but he stated he could not attend the March GPUSA meeting. Eric made a motion that the group should separately elect representatives to both Groups the ASGP and the GPUSA. Sherry stated the representative must join the coordinating committee tomorrow so that person could start voting on the various proposals that were presently being voted on. The ASGP representative must be willing, able, and have money necessary to travel to the ASGP meeting in Denver, That person must send in their money and make a reservation by putting down a fee of \$250.00 tomorrow. Jana and Roger volunteered to be ASGP Representatives but withdrew their names.

Proposal : Who is willing and able to serve both ASGP and the GPUSA. the Virginia Greens will have 1 representative to the GPUSA and 2 Representatives to the ASGP.

Jim Lowenstern agreed to be the ASGP Representative and the GPUSA representative. He agreed to get on the coordination committee's Email list and to vote on proposals beginning tomorrow. He will ask Bob Auerbach of the Maryland Greens for a ride to the St Louis meeting to offset his costs to that meeting. the St Louis meeting will be held on March 7 and Jim will also represent Virginia at the GPUSA Gathering in May 2000
This agenda item will come back in a different form than at present.

Draft Plan for a National Green Party- Sherry, Jim

Sherry introduced this proposal for the Unification of the ASGP and GPUSA into a single national Green Party. She read the Introduction of the draft proposal. There will be a decision by the ASGP within 4 weeks. Much Discussion on this Draft proposals some of the issues indicated in the discussion were listed by our facilitator Rebecca Schreiner

No representatives

Trust
Worried about the GPUSA debt
Clearinghouse Debt, Common Sense
Hope it happens
Adherence to Timelines
ASGP/ GPUSA

This Draft Plan was proposed by Steve Welzer, Steve Herrick, within the GPUSA. The Group came to consensus on in support of the Draft Document for the New National Green Party. Jana and Reber stood aside on the vote.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved with the exception that Jana would like the words - sexual orientation to be changed to sexual preference, as this was a motion agreed on , at the State Meeting on October 9th, 1999 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Also, she would like a copy of the October minutes to be Emailed to her. she is still trying to get on the GOV list and the minutes of this meeting will have to be made available to her.

Local Reports

Rockbridge Greens - Focused on Eric Sheffield's campaign. They have not had a meeting since then.
Valley Greens - Sherry - The Valley Greens have been having fun dinners together. They marched in the Martin Luther King Day March. Sherry Stanley talked about her campaign for State House of Delegates
Central Virginia Greens - We have a process and are becoming more active. we are working with liberal democrats
NOVA Greens - Working on the Culmore Soccer Field Issue and Fairfax Smart Growth Coalition
Richmond Greens - Reber is working with a high -profile smart growth group- The Ashland/Hanover Citizens for Responsible Growth. The three most recent smart growth proposals have either been turned down or rejected.

Jana Spoke about Citizens Coal Council. They are a group working on the Mountain top removal issue. Judge Haden ruled last year that West Virginia had not been following its own laws. Senator Byrd wants to attach a rider to a Senate Bill to reverse the moratorium on mountain top removal.

Tex Wood updated the group about his senate campaign and spoke about mountain top removal issue by giving some background history. Tex is running for US Senate and asked for our help to get 10,000 Signatures to get on the ballot

Tidewater Endorsement - Eric Sheffield - Sponsor Mark Geduldig Yatofsky is running for Portsmouth city Council and is requesting an endorsement for his race. Eric felt that Mark should have used the word "nominate" instead of endorse in his request. Sherry and Eric felt his request was a local matter and not as state matter. We would like to differ this decision to the local and support him in whatever he does in his race.

The Greens of Virginia will endorse him. At the local level, there is low level of activity in the Tidewater area. the Greens of Virginia encourage him to use the local Green contacts to support and assist him in his campaign

Treasurer's Report - Eric Sheffield

Eric reported on recent expenditures
\$706.96 8-page newsletter
Locals
Balance held in the state accounts
Valley - \$105.00
NOVA - \$400.00
CVA - \$230.00
Blue Ridge - \$50.00
Tidewater - \$200.00
NRV - Owe \$50.00

Eric has print out sheets for the budgets of each of the locals He will come with a proposed budget for 2000 to the next meeting

Sherry brought up the issue of the dues not going to the local with regards to the Valley greens as was the case with some members of their local. This was an issue that Eric and she would discuss at this time.

Take Five- five Minute Break

Fundraising Issues

Sharon Read the three proposals submitted by the Charlottesville Greens.

1st Proposal

Roger Clarke is requested that he be reimbursed \$46.00 for his travel expenses in the distribution of the Newsletter. He wanted to talk about distribution of the newsletter as well. He gave us the receipts for his expenses.
We spoke about the distribution of the newsletter and our desire to have someone paid to do this in the future. Jim offered to go to various places across the state with newsletter if given contacts in those areas. Aaron suggested that everyone send stacks of newsletter by mail. It would only cost \$4.21
Sherry blocked motion to take money out of GPVA for Roger's travel expenses. Roger withdrew his proposal seeing blocking concerns for the proposal.

Sherry volunteered to have meeting in Staunton to talk about Fundraising and money issues.
Jim mentioned a fundrasing group called Politics Online - 10% of whatever is raised on the web

2nd Proposal

Motion - Roger wanted to strike the word "commit" and repalce it with the word "encourage" all locals to increase fundraising efforts
Further discussions need to be held in light of proposed budget for 2000. We need to look at spending end of the budget and determine what our needs will be in the next fiscal year.
Jim and Aaron discussed promoting the newsletter and made suggestions about advertising, more locals, and more successful campaigns as ways to help the GOV fundraise.

Presidential Campaign

Committee for Nader
Jim is going to Richmond on Tuesday to put elector forms for verification so we can start getting signatures in Virginia
Questions raised about getting a Treasurer for Virginia Campaign for Nader. How is the Nader's National Committee going to handle this.
Some Greens not interested in Presidential campaign and ballot access drive. February 29th good opportunity to get signatures. Sherry asked the committee to make sure that the campaign would be legal and work on getting a strong campaign together.
Presidential committee may have to call a convention to send delegates to Presidential nominating committeee. Sherry feels we only have 2- 4 delegates.
There were no blocking concerns - Proposal attached to the agenda for the meeting.

Labor Action Group

- Sponser - Roger Clarke \$8.00 per hour campaign - We agreed to move discussion to next meeting.

Support of Mattaponi Indians

- Opposition to Prince William Reservoir - Sponsor Roger Clarke Moved to next agenda. What does it mean for the Greens?

Virginia Democracy Coalition

- No Campaign Finance Laws in Virginia - Roger would like the Greens of Virginia to sign on as a participating organization, The Group asked for greater specificity as to what the Greens participation would be in that group.

Next Meeting

Discussion Items
Endorsement of Labor Action - Sponser - Roger
Support of Mattaponi Opposition to Prince William Reservoir - Roger
Virginia Democratic Coalition - Roger
Proposed Budget 2000 - Eric
Amendment - Roger
Newsletter, Budget, distribution of Newsletter, and Advertising- Aaron
Presidential Election - Discussion
Update on National Merger - Jim /Sherry Discussion
Update on Tex Wood Petition Drive - Tex- Discussion
Virginia Organizing Project possible liason with Virginia Green Party - Roger

- Introduction of topic for discussion

Press Secretary
Updates
Local Reports
Treasurer's report
Co- Chair report
Decision Items
Change of Sexual Preference to Sexual Preference - Jana

Next Meeting - April 15, 2000 in Staunton, Virginia at a location to be set by Sherry Stanley

The Group spoke with our facilitator, Rebecca Schreiner, about need for more training in consensus decision making process. We would like to explore possibility of doing a training with Rebecca in the future.

Positive Aspects of Meeting

Moving foward in discussion
Good Facilitator
Succint Discussion
Love Tex Wood's Bumper Sticker

Negative Aspects of Meeting

We need to do more work on agenda previous to the meeting.
Meeting was too short and sometimes abrupt in places.

Lunch

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Williams
Greens of Virginia

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