

September 2019 SEC Meeting

Sept. 15th 7PM

Attendees: Wes Gaige, Donald Palmer, Laura Palmer, Matt Bauman, David Prout, Janis Richards, Diane Wood, Judith Holmes, Don Cook, Alfred Molison, Kevin McCormick

Alán Alán Apurim, David Collins,, Kevin Travis Christal, Nancy Saibara-Naritomi

7:04 Janice announces she has filed for mayor and will be running for state house.

A mistake was made & no correction allowed, so she will be filing a lawsuit.

7:09 Call for Adjustments to Agenda

Laura went over agenda, no additions.

7:11 Approval of Condensed 2019 ASM Minutes

Agreed to delay formal approval until end of meeting - same with July & August

7:17 Treasurer's Report

Don Palmer - BVBA 36.53 Overall (including PayPal) - \$480.81

Looking at Nationbuilder, we have \$167.50 coming in monthly.

7:20 Nationbuilder

Don Palmer – From monthly recurring donations, we have \$167.50 coming in each month. The most recent One Time donation was from William Philbin (who has responded to Green Screen survey). Someone from the Houston group and/or Harris County group will reach out to him.

“Monthly Expired” - \$162 not coming in from expired/abandoned recurring donations. Don Palmer will make sure all donations get accepted/reactivated if possible.

Wes proposes more follow-up with donors. Laura confirmed.

Diane asked if we responded to the national organization's request for info about parties who donated to the state party.

Wes - We do need to change the verbiage on the website to say we will be doing that.

Don will add something like "Your privacy matters. We will never sell or give your contact information to any outside organization other than your national Green Party."

7:56 It is agreed that the next newsletter will contain a section saying that donors' information will be shared with the national committee and vice versa, with an option to opt out.

8:00 Kevin's Progress with the Operations Manual

Kevin needs someone to go over the election code with him, particularly conventions.

Laura and Wes will assist with that and structuring local parties & how to file for candidacy.

8:16 Diane asks if someone is working with Hal Ridley & Rusty Tomlinson & what steps they need to take to run.

8:18 Some discussion of Janis' candidacy for house (128).

The new steps for running for office will be included in the operations manual & Wes will send Janis a link to the Texas Secretary of State's page where filing steps are detailed.

8:23 Kevin points out some ambiguities about /section 141 & 144 of the election code.

8:25 Candidates

Laura lists a handful of candidates, "We need to make sure all the interested people have been contacted, screened, & supported. Maybe we should invite serious candidates to October & November meetings..."

8:28 Janis suggests we become more familiar with the registration process before inviting candidates. Alfred suggests adding a separate meeting for candidates. Laura suggests the date of October 27th for candidates, this is seconded, there were no objections.

8:35 David Prout discusses his progress in reaching out to interested candidates in Central Texas.

8:36 Judith introduces herself; looks forward to meeting local greens. Janis will contact her.

8:40 Alfred asks what we can offer green candidates (besides communication with party members).

8:56 With no objections, it is agreed that Natalie Upchurch will be our 10th delegate to the National Committee. Matt will communicate that to national secretary.

8:57 Diane tells a story about Lon Burnham

Laura explains that the Texas Voter Choice Coalition is filing an injunction to eliminate the requirement for filing fees for candidates.

9:05 **September Email Blast**

Laura presents proposed email blast about climate strike, recruitment, & fundraising.

Wes suggests adding a note about the People's Mobilization to End War & will send a link.

It will be added.

The email is approved with no objections & much thanks.

9:10 **Wes to be reappointed to Peace Action Committee**

With no objections, secretary will communicate this to the committee's leaders.

9:12 Diane asks if Peace Pledge document can be made available for other potential candidates. It is approved & Diane will make the requisite adjustments.

9:14 **Approval of Minutes**

With no objections, all above documents will be approved and PDFs will be uploaded to site.

9:17 Meeting adjourned.

For next time:

-update candidate list, contact them

-hammer out county instructions

-fundraising ideas

-prepare for October 27th candidate conference call

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