

Green Party of Minnesota
Coordinating Committee Meeting
June 10,2017

Minutes
APPROVED

Members present: Andy Schuler, Andy Hamerlinck, Brandon Long, Deanna Murphy, Jim Ivey, Lena Buggs

Guests present: Amber Garlan, Juniper Murphy

Staff present: Betsy Barnum

Treasurers Report

Julie reorganized the budget comparison so that Paypal sustaining donations and one-time donations are on separate lines.

Some sustaining donors have dropped off, possibly due to expired credit cards. These need individual attention. Brandon will call them.

Membership Committee

The database is growing steadily as new people come in mostly through the campaigns. Candidates using NationBuilder improve the state party's database by returning cleaned-up data to GPMN, as Addy did before his campaign ended.

Elizabeth and Billy have signed and returned the data-sharing agreement that was sent to them a few weeks ago. Terry has indicated his intention to do so.

Communication Committee

Social media numbers: Twitter, 2,701; Facebook, 5,152; Instagram 122. Sunflower Seed will go out soon. The website has a new post on Lena's work in Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Mark Wohjan, a filmmaker, will come to the membership meeting June 24 to get film that can be used for short videos. These videos will be like those of the Maine Green Party. Janelle has been working with Brandon on print and video design.

Brandon would like to do live streams on Facebook like the ones Jill Stein does. Livestreaming on Facebook can only be done using a smartphone unless there is special equipment to do it on a desktop computer. Brandon will look into this. Andy Schuler reminded that GPMN has a Youtube channel.

Politics Committee

Elizabeth is doorknocking. Ramsey Soil and Water Board did not pass Lena's two proposals; she and an independent supervisor are obstructed by the DFL faction on the board.

The Libertarians are still uninterested in taking part in the Purple Movement coalition, but an agreement has been reached with the Independence Party. Brandon will send it around for online approval right after this meeting.

CD Reports

1st: Winona and Rochester locals are moving toward joining together to form a shell for the 1st District local. They will try to get a point person in Mankato and other communities.

4th: There will be a potluck at Cherokee Park. The local is setting up NationBuilder training to get more people skilled in using it.

5th: There will be a table at Pride Festival in two weeks. Candidates are participating in Open Streets and other parades. A volunteer schedule will be created so people can sign up. A backyard social is planned in July.

6th: St/ Cloud can be hub for district local. Dee will set up a meeting, Andy H will invite people from the database, and Paula Overby will be invited as a draw for people to attend.

GPUS Report: No votes have come up that require us to take a position.

Health Care Caucus

Having fulfilled the requirements for an issue caucus, the Health Care Caucus was officially recognized by consensus.

The point person for using the database will be Brian Mueller, who will work with Betsy on what lists the caucus wants and how they plan to use them. It is important to make sure our lists are not being inundated with emails from all sides.

As the first recognized issue caucus in over a decade, the Health Care Caucus will be breaking ground on the database relationship as well as having its bylaws become a template for others.

Annual Meeting Planning

There is \$700 in the budget for this meeting, after the \$100 paid to Walker Church.

Food: Lena will order pizza.

Setup: Lena will look at the space this week for sound, wifi, projector, other equipment, etc. Andy S has a projector if there isn't one at the church.

Facilitation: Betsy will facilitate the Bylaws process. Andy H will facilitate the elections.

Purple Movement presentation: Brandon will explain the history of third parties organizing together and provide context for the Purple Movement proposal.

Credentialing: Jim will ask Addy and Eric to help. Betsy will buy new name tags and dots for voting, bring sign-in sheets for members/attendance, and bring a schedule for state fair volunteer shifts.

Opening poem/song: Betsy has asked Rich Broderick to read a poem; he has not responded. Samantha and her son will do a song. So we will have one or both.

Notes: Andy S will video the meeting and take notes.

Fundraising: Andy H suggested giving people who are sustaining donors a button when they arrive, so they can talk to those who don't and ask them to become sustainers. This is a way to highlight the importance of becoming a sustaining donor. Andy S will make the buttons. There will also be a fundraising appeal from the podium at some point.

State Fair Planning

We will have three 4-hour shifts per day for volunteers, each needing two people (72 shifts). We will have sign-up sheets at the June 24 meeting. We will ask campaigns to take a day or part of a day. Amber will ask Health Care Caucus members in the 1st CD to take a day. We will provide tickets for all volunteers.

Dee will be point person for collecting volunteer info at the membership meeting.

It was agreed to have new drop-down banners made focusing on the four pillars. The trifold brochure will be the main handout. Candidates will be invited to have one lit piece there. Betsy will review the brochure and send to Brandon.

Locals 101 Update

Betsy recently sent the Locals 101 manual to Jed Bendix in Willmar, and noticed it was outdated. She will review it again and suggest updates, including adding links or references to the organizing tools from GPUS.

Google Drive

Google Drive is where current versions of our important and working documents are available. Jim will send reminder to make sure everyone has access to it.

The issue of security of our information was raised. The Organization Committee would be the appropriate committee to review this, especially in relation to next year's campaigns.

Anyone who feels the need of a more secure process for meeting minutes can propose it for consideration at a future meeting.

Democracy Convention

GPMN is a \$50 sponsor. Brandon will do social media workshop, Sam is involved in a presentation, Cam Gordon will be presenting, and Betsy also. The issue of a table can be discussed next month.

CC Notebooks

Betsy received approval to resume the practice of providing CC members with a binder containing core documents, CC contact and term info, and other useful things.

Adjourn 3:35 pm.