

Green Party of Minnesota
Coordinating Committee Meeting
January 13,2018

Minutes
APPROVED

Members present: Jim Ivey, Brandon Long, Andy Hamerlinck, Deanna Murphy (skype)
Staff present: Betsy Barnum

December minutes approved.

Finance/Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$4,283.

PCRP page needs to be updated for 2018.

Fundraising plan will be presented at Feb. CC meeting.

Membership Support report

Betsy got training on how database keeps track of financial information.

More similar specific trainings should happen.

Database information sent in by two candidates, Terry White and Elizabeth Dickinson, may be useful to future candidates in those places.

Outreach Report

None

Communications Report

FB 5,252; Twitter 2,930; Instagram 254

Committee meeting Jan. 29.

Politics Committee

Andy H sent screening questionnaire to candidates. They need to reply by Feb. 15. Interviews after that.

Process requires candidates' physical presence at the convention.

Andy S will handle the policy part of the Politics work area. His goal is to connect better with Ken Pentel this legislative session. Ken's agenda--proportional representation, ecological economics and genuine progress indicator—could be ours as well.

Betsy will contact the Secretary of State's office to make sure we are in compliance regarding party status.

CD1: Green candidate, Aaron Camacho, for state legislature in adjacent Wisconsin district

CD4: Co-chairs are now Kourtney and Amber. Trahern Crews is spokesperson through end of 2018. February meeting will be CUAPB presenting forum on insuring police. Elizabeth Dickinson's campaign debrief showed need to do education on ranked choice voting,

CD5: Two new steering committee members, Billy Menz and Chelsea Palmer. One candidate has announced seeking endorsement so far, another has shown interest.

CD6: Local is becoming more active. Meeting first weekend of February. Plan to enlist grad students in campus Greens group.

CD 6: Jed Bendix wants to organize local in Willmar. Working with Brian.

Winter Membership Meeting

Health Care for All Minnesotans, 15Now, health care caucus will have table and materials.

Jim and Eric G will do credentialing.

Andy S will make more buttons for sustainers.

CC elections: Andy H will facilitate, 3 seats, 6-month terms

Decision by consensus: No election of GPUS delegates/alternates at this meeting.

Dee will present GPUS committees looking for volunteers.

Improv group will handle their part.

Potluck, we provide compostable dishes, coffee and tea.

Decision by consensus: Volunteers interested in serving on GPUS committees need to contact the party to express their interest, and be approved by the CC.

Biennial Convention planning

Only candidate endorsement for statewide office

Rondo Library large room, 10 am-3 pm on Saturday, March 24

10:30, credentialing starts

11 am, meeting opens

11-11:15, Explanation and adoption of process for endorsements

11:15 am-12 pm, Senate: 10 minute speech, 20 min Q&A, voting

Break—12-12:20

12:20-2:15, Governor's race, 10 minutes per candidate, estimate 5 candidates maximum, 30 minutes for Q&A panel-style, voting

Andy will develop a draft for the process for adoption at the February CC meeting. CC will also decide then how to disseminate screening information to members before the convention.

CC Policies change

Decision by consensus: Adopt change to CC Policies to add Outreach Committee and eliminate Organization Committee, distributing organization duties among CC members.

“Point person” for specific organization duties, such as locals, should be officially approved.

Dee will be point person for issue caucuses.

Candidate recruitment

Andy can't commit to a process for recruitment but will keep lists when he hears of people.

Researching seats up this year for Soil and Water, school boards, county commissions, and state legislature is a good volunteer project, to forward to locals for them to recruit.