

Green Party of Minnesota
Coordinating Committee Meeting
March 10, 2018

Minutes
APPROVED

Members present: Brian Mueller, Brandon Long, Wendy Thoren, Andy Hamerlinck, Yan Chen, Deanna Murphy, Kashish Jain (skype), Andy Schuler, Chelsea Palmer

Staff present: Betsy Barnum

Guests: Adam Schneider, Trahern Crews

Agenda approved

Minutes from Feb. 10 meeting approved

Treasurers Report

Betsy will ask Julie if she can put changes in sustaining donation levels into the monthly report of financial activity.

Reports

Finance: Fundraising committee is organizing a phonebank for April 14. Need training on CallHub for volunteers.

Membership Support: Jim will organize credentialing for convention

Outreach: Preston not present (if anyone can help with this?)

Communication: 5,264 Facebook followers, 2,982 Twitter, Instagram 164

Newsletter went out Feb 4, 11% open rate

Brandon on community access show in Hastings talking about GP

Politics: Some downballot candidates coming forward. CD5 candidates screening (see CD5 report below). Prospective candidate for open house seat in district 1, 19A.

Want to increase collaboration with Ken on Proportional Representation at legislature, working with all minor parties. Ken wants to talk about his comprehensive plan and how the GP can be involved. Before inviting him to a CC meeting, Andy S will talk with him first.

Review of consensus process

Betsy went over the Consensus Process description from the CC Policies to review the parts of the process.

Vibeswatcher: Wendy

Timekeeper: Andy S

Stacker: Trahern

CD reports

1: Jeremiah Meyer, ex-DFL county chair in Waseca County, political activist in N. Mankato/St. Peter for years, well known, wants to run as Green for House District 19A, open seat (current rep Clark Johnson is retiring). John Bell wants to run for US Congress, District 1.

Since there is no organized local where 19A is, and CD1 local needs to be officially recognized before it could endorse, this screening may need to be done by the CC. Discussion suggested via Slack of whether to amend bylaws to allow a “nearby” local to screen. Other possibilities would be to have CD1 endorse and the CC approve the endorsement; or, as a CC, call a meeting with the help of the local, do it in the district with members who vote in that area. This will be looked at further at the April meeting.

Need to know what facilities etc. are needed for summer meeting, thinking about Winona State

4: Social gathering at Sweeney’s included speaker on zero waste—15 people came. Ramsey County has dissolved its Soil and Water Conservation board and folded duties into the county board, as Hennepin County did years ago. 4th CD may want to discuss responses. Rally March 16 at Eastside Enterprise Zone, rally for Cordale Handy, killed by police. Tray will be speaking, relatives of Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner will be there.

5: Two candidates, Megan Kuhl-Stennes for Hennepin County Commission District 4, and Doug Mann, Minneapolis School Board, to be considered April 14.

6: Getting active again, holding special election soon for new co-chair.

GPUS

Formal complaint about a Minnesota GPUS delegate’s behavior in GPUS forums. Proposal made to remind delegate to act in ethical and professional manner, as specified in GPMN Bylaws.

Second proposal made to table the first proposal and appoint a committee with one CC member and one non-CC member to talk to the delegate who made the complaint and look into what led to the complaint, and report back to the CC at the next meeting.

Tray and Chelsea will be the committee.

Consensus was blocked, so the second proposal was approved by a 2/3 vote.

Biennial Convention

Rules for endorsement:

- No endorsements from floor
- Single ballot with 2/3 threshold to endorse. Number to achieve threshold based on number of ballots collected for that vote. Since all offices have only one candidate screening, ballots will have candidate name and no endorsement as options.
- Candidates can have one observer of vote count for all races.
- Credentialing closes for each race at the time that each candidate starts their speech

Candidates' screening order at convention determined by drawing names from a hat.

Agenda:

10-11	setup and credentialing
11:15	Trahern Crews screening, governor
12-12:30	lunch, pizza
12:30-1:15	Thomas Harens screening, Tina Smith US Senate seat
1:15-2	Paula Overby screening, Amy Klobuchar US Senate seat
2-2:15	fundraising appeal

Discuss for future having people vote remotely.

Anti-oppression training

Betsy's online proposal for conflict resolution conducted by the Conflict Resolution Center of Minnesota did not pass.

Deanna will bring information about a GPUS training she would like to see the GPMN do, and a proposal, to the next meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator Proposal

Tabled

State Fair

Tabled

GPUS

Deanna is a candidate for GPUS Steering Committee.

A proposed change in the platform about sex work is contentious.