

Green Party of Minnesota
Coordinating Committee Meeting
April 22, 2018

Minutes
APPROVED

Members present: Andy Hamerlinck, Jim Ivey, Yan Chen, Chelsea Palmer, Andy Schuler, Brian Mueller, Deanna Murphy (skype)

Guests present: Trahern Crews, Michael Cavlan

Staff present: Betsy Barnum

Agenda amended to add two items.

Minutes approved for CC Meeting March 10, 2018; Biennial Convention March 24, 2018; and Winter Membership Meeting Jan. 27, 2018.

Consensus process summarized.

Request endorsement for event (added item)

Request to endorse Reparations event May 22 at Heritage Tea House (black woman-owned business) organized by Trahern Crews with participation from Nekima Levy-Pounds and others. Also seeking endorsement from Black Lives Matter, NAACP and other groups.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Proposal to spend \$150 left from winter meeting budget to print a quarter-page card with Green Party info and use stickers to add details of event.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Trahern requests state party endorsement of his candidacy for governor. Tabled to next meeting.

Black Caucus

Tabled to next month.

Anti-Oppression Training

Proposal: GPUS Diversity Committee trainers, cost approximately \$600, possibly less with homestays for trainers.

Tabled to address concerns: look for local trainers, possibly lower cost, make event for wider audience than just the GPMN CC. Dee to conduct further research, bring to next meeting.

Complaint about MN GPUS Delegate from GPUS Delegate (Continued from previous meeting)

Complaint about same Delegate from GPUS Youth Caucus

Concerns raised regarding both complaints: concern about trying to regulate speech in “private” pages such as a personal Facebook page when the delegate is speaking about national issues and from her position as a delegate; concern about removing a person for one over-the-line statement; concern about a delegate representing the membership of GPMN, not herself; concern about delegate not conceding that a comment was over the line.

Most CC members felt the evidence of unprofessional/unethical behavior was inconclusive and did not warrant removal but did require response from the CC.

Instruct all GPUS delegates to refrain from ad hominem attacks in GPUS email forums.
Brian Mueller appointed to be GPMN observer on GPUS forums.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Executive Committee

Brandon, Brian, Jim, Dee, Andy S. elected.

Treasurers Report:

Finance: Fundraising is just getting underway. Summer meeting will involve no rent, food will be biggest expense.

Jim will draft a proposal that we raise our NationBuilder level to get better functionality, and then go to locals, caucuses etc. and ask them to pay a fee for database use and web hosting.

Membership Support: Eric Gilbertson has been providing support with database.

Outreach: not present

Communication: not present.

Politics: Overall further ahead at this point in the election cycle than we have been in previous statewide campaigns. have signed data-sharing agreement from Overby campaign, not yet from Crews. Winona County, 5th CD have candidates.

1CD: Winona County Board candidate seeking endorsement, Bryce Lange, would like to unseat pro-frac sand mining incumbent. Endorsing meeting April 28.

4CD: Planning another social event, topics for educational forum

5CD: Endorsing meeting snowed out April 14 will happen April 28, three candidates: Megan Kuhl-Stennes for Hennepin County Commission District 4, Doug Mann for School Board at-large, Grace Moua for MN House 59A. May Day May 6, need people for booth and to march.

6CD: have an interested candidate, may have endorsing meeting first weekend in May.

Willmar (7CD): still working on bylaws

GPUS: \$100,000 budget shortfall, media director Scott McLarty has resigned.

Volunteer Coordinator

(Continued from previous meeting)

Proposal to hire volunteer coordinator, 2 hours per week at \$15 (the extra time budgeted to add to the administrator's hours). Duties per attached.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Executive Committee will put timeline in place for hiring.

State Fair

Our booth has moved to the Education Building. Diane P is heading up committee to prepare the new space.

Platform Revision

Revision proposals accepted through May 8.

Core Documents committee will meet 6 pm May 14 to sort through proposals, contact proposers if needed, and get them into proper format.

Andy H, Chelsea, and Dee via skype agree to be the core documents committee. Recruit some non-CC members to participate too.

June 23 Meeting logistics are proceeding. Will confirm a room at WSU asap.

May CC meeting: Decide whether to do postal mailing to members.