

Green Party of Minnesota
Coordinating Committee Meeting
May 12,2018

Minutes
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Members present: Andy Hamerelink, Andy Schuler, Chelsea Palmer, Yan Chen, Brian Mueller (skype), Dee Murphy (skype), Jim Ivey

Staff present: Betsy Barnum

Guests present: Adam Schneider, Paula Overby

Agenda amended to add item re: Secretary of State's proposed rules for primaries.

Minutes approved for April 22, 2018.

Consensus process review by Betsy

When a member continues to have a concern about a decision but agrees to stand aside, the concern is recorded. This can be done with the person's name attached if the person wants that.

Treasurer's report

\$3,612 balance end of March. Income \$1,066, expenditures \$1,819, \$2,410 end of April. Have not been sending fundraising eblasts regularly lately, will resume sending one email a month. Fundraising is floundering. Upcoming eblast can ask for volunteers to help with this. One easy ask would be for sustainers to shift from Paypal to bank withdrawal, saving the fee so the party doesn't lose the fee charged by Paypal.

Membership support

Signed data sharing agreements have been received for Megan and Grace.

Outreach

With CC elections coming up in June, it will be time to reassign chair duties. State Chair is required to be a recognized party, but as a CC we do not give special authority to that person. New CC will elect its chair at July meeting.

Communication

Twitter 3,018, FB 5,224 likes, 5,181 followers

Politics

Two endorsed candidates in 5th CD, Megan Kuhl-Stennes for Hennepin County Commission District 4 (most of Minneapolis), and Grace Moua, Minnesota House District 59A . Grace needs to collect 500 signatures to get on the ballot, as do Paula Overby for US Senate and Trahern Crews for governor. Petitioning period is May 22-June 5. Paula's campaign is recruiting people

to collect signatures. Paula is the only third-party candidate in her race. She is continuing to talk with the other parties to strengthen the coalition.

Trahern needs to name a lieutenant governor candidate for his petitions.

Social media and emails from state party can let members know where petitioning is happening so they can come and help.

CD1: Winona Greens endorsed Bryce Lane for Winona County Board.

CD4: Upcoming event social at Bang Brewing, just for fun. There may be a candidate for school board.

CD5: Candidates campaigns in progress. Presence at MayDay.

CD6: Nothing scheduled right now.

Willmar (CD7): Wrapping up bylaws for MN House District 17B.

GPUS: No report

State Fair

A brainstorm session was organized by Diane Peterson to set goals for the booth. Meetings are continuing to finalize the focus and decide how to make the booth interactive and take maximum advantage of our new location with the other political groups and social action nonprofits in the Education Building.

The Volunteer Coordinator which was approved last month can be the key person to organize volunteers for the fair. The Executive Committee will proceed with the next steps for hiring someone.

Proposal for events in Mankato and Duluth

Proposal to allow Brian to use the database to contact people in these areas to reactivate these formerly strong locals. Paula willing to help with Duluth. Andy H willing to travel if needed.

Passed by consensus

Core Document Committee Update

Received submissions from four people probably about 20 separate proposals. Committee meets next week to sort and organize the proposals and prepare them for posting.

Summer Meeting

Venue: Winona State University Science Laboratory Center atrium/auditorium, has projector and microphone.

Brian arrange for food.

Time window is 9 am-3 pm, Meeting 10:30 am-2:30 pm.

Agenda

10 am Credentialing begins

10:30 Platform/Constitution Process
12:00 pm Explanation of CC and GPUS offices' duties and requirements
12:30 Lunch, announcements, candidate comments etc.
1:00 CC elections: 8 at-large seats, 2-year terms
2:00 GPUS elections: 2 delegate-alternate pairs (4 people)
2:30 Adjourn

Rhoda Gilman died May 9. We need to do something to commemorate her. Perhaps a joint recognition of her and Annie Young, two strong and influential Green Party women we lost this year.

Core document updates can probably be worked through with everyone together, though dividing them by topic and using small groups has worked well in the past.

Deanna will write a description of what GPUS delegate work entails to post on the website/Facebook page and/or distribute at the meeting

The CC may want to find ways to engage people—do a survey, tables, discussions, hear from them re: the party's priorities.

Goal Setting and Ideas

Yan: Opens conversation about budget priorities and party-building. Asks whether the \$2,000 investment in the State Fair is worth it or if we could accomplish more by spending that money in other ways. Most important may be to free up funding for the volunteer coordinator.

Jim: Party is member-driven. CC exists to enact what the membership wants the party to do. Sometimes that is pushing to become a major party, other times it is influencing public policy, other times running lots of candidates. Our work is to logistically build an organization to do what the members want.

Deanna: We need to ensure that our candidates for office are truly Green.

Andy H: We have a system to prioritize, and we need to be organized within the CC to do it well. The Executive Committee is one of the mechanisms for this.

Jim: Some budgeting decisions we can't compromise on. We need to be at the State Fair if we want to be seen as a political party. For other activities and plans that relate to the overarching mission of the Green Party, we could ask at the summer meeting. Is getting major party status what they would prioritize, or something else?

Yan: The new CC in July can start right out setting goals. This could be an aspect of recruiting people to run for CC.

Feedback from everyone around the table:

- Clarifying what we want to do to focus our limited resources is excellent. This could be done at the summer meeting.

- Issue is do you want to be a political party or an activist group? If a party, there are certain things you have to do.
- We should ask members to do some strategic planning at a statewide meeting, as has been done with good results in the past.
- We need to have better process for budgeting, where money goes, where it comes from, having enough, etc.
- Maybe we need committees for specific issues like environment so people don't leave because their issue isn't being prioritized

How can we start eliciting information at the summer meeting?

Rules for Presidential Primary

Erik Larson has raised significant concerns about how these proposed rules could impact not just third parties but the integrity of democracy and voting in our state. He is sending his comments to the SoS, and urges that the CC send comments as well. Also if 25 people request a hearing there will be one, otherwise there will not. Can we activate people to request a hearing?

Ask him to write up a two-line summary of the issue that we can send out to our members to ask for a public hearing.

Good place for reaching out to other smaller parties and do it together. Paula will check with other candidates/parties.