



MINUTES (draft)

Green Party Southwest Washington Membership Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

6:00-7:30 pm

Three Creeks Community Library

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm on May 15th by Margot Faubion.

Declaration of Quorum

GP-SWWA Council Present: Bob Cone, Margot Faubion, Mark Keely, Sally Keely

GP-SWWA Members Present: Jan Helwig, Cambria Keely

Attendance: A total of 12 people attended the meeting, but only 6 of 14 current GP-SWWA members attended, so a quorum of membership was not met.

Introductions:

Margot welcomed everyone and invited them to share one issue that brings them to the Greens. A brief introduction to the GP of SW Washington was presented informally. Bob and Ed began to file legal documents in fall 2015 and we became an official affiliate of GP of Washington state in early spring 2016, so the organization is just over one-year old.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

The agenda at GreenPartySWWA.org/docs/mtng_20170515-agenda.pdf was approved. No minutes were awaiting approval. Minutes available at GreenPartySWWA.org/meetings.html.

Old Business

- **Bob: Tabling at Farmers Market.** Bob is willing to table at the Vancouver Farmers Market at Esther Short Park in the Free Speech Zone if another volunteer will join him. He would prefer to table just once a month, not every weekend, and concentrate on dates when we are promoting a particular event.
 - **Margot: Single Payer Film Showing.** We are having a special event Saturday, August 12th, 1:00-3:30 pm, at the Cascade Park Community Library. Margot has arranged to show the documentary *Now is the Time: Health Care for Everybody*. A panel discussion will follow. She is looking for a physician to join that panel. Please promote this event! Flyer at GreenPartySWWA.org/docs/flyer_film_20170812.pdf. Margot asked for volunteers to help with set-up and clean up at the event.
 - **Sally: Anti-Fossil Fuel Campaigns.** Sally updated us on the three massive fossil fuel export terminals proposed along a 30-mile stretch of the Columbia River and explained the status of the methanol's plant currently rejected Shoreline's permit. She urged attendance at the "Tell Ecology: No Methanol!" rally and press conference on Tuesday, May 30th, at the Washington Dept. of Ecology Office in Vancouver
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(event at facebook.com/events/423231344703385). She passed out comment cards to send to Ecology and to Gov. Inslee. The Tesoro Oil Air Permit EFSEC Hearing at Clark College on June 7th was also mentioned. She reminded us that these events and more are kept up to date at GreenPartySWWA.org/action.html .

- **Mark: Banner.** Mark unveiled the new GP-SWWA banner we purchased that can be used in tabling, marches, protests, and more.
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New Business

Reports from Council members and Team Leaders.

- **Mark: Treasurer's Report.** "Since last Treasurer's Report to Council on 3/29 when we had \$278.75 in the IQCU account, we have received one membership for \$9.41 (after PayPal handling fee of 59 cents) and we purchased the banner for a total, with tax and shipping, of \$74.71, bringing our current balance to \$213.45." Mark reminded us that we can pay GP-SWWA dues (\$10 annually) and donate to GP-SWWA online through our website (2 new members and 1 renewing member already have). He announced we can also now accept credit card payments in person through a swipe mechanism linked directly to the GP-SWWA PayPal account.
- **Bob: Secretary Position on Council.** Bob called for nominations from the floor for the open Coordinating Council position of Secretary to complete the term ending early 2018. Margot nominated member Jan Helwig, who accepted the nomination. Bob nominated member Cambria Keely, who declined the nomination. A vote ensued. Of the six current GP-SWWA members in attendance, five voted in the affirmative, Jan Helwig is our new Secretary.
- **Margot: Membership Growth and Volunteer Preferences.** Margot led a spirited discussion on growing the membership so that we have ample volunteers to be able to accomplish all that we would like to as Progressives and Greens. Everyone brainstormed ideas. Several people described what has worked in other local groups. Activities draw more enthusiasm and more Young Greens than meetings do.

Elections, the election process, and the reluctance of candidates to run as GP were talked over. The 2017 vs 2018 vs 2020 elections were compared. While no one in the room agreed to run at this time, endorsing candidates or providing them "preferred candidate" status was debated. Support for Don Orange and two candidates opposing Jaime Herrera-Beutler was deliberated.

Ideas that rose to the top included:

- Invite progressive candidates to a Candidates Forum and advertise widely.
 - Continue to endorse green-minded candidates visibly on their websites.
 - Entice passersby at tabling events with catchy questions, eg. "Bernie supporter?"
 - Engage with other groups such as Human Clark County. See Joe Maldonado's calendar at clarkcountyactivism.com/actions (linked on our web's Resources).
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- **Sally: Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.** At Council meeting on 4/26 Sally presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Council discussed them thoroughly and made additional adjustments. Final draft of proposed changes was sent to membership for review on 5/1. Unfortunately, since quorum of membership was not met at this meeting, no vote on the proposed changes could occur. Sally will present the proposed changes to membership for an up-or-down vote via email this week. For the amendments to succeed, 8 of the 14 GP-SWWA members must approve.
- **Margot: Regularly Scheduled Meetings.** A venue for future meetings was discussed. The current room seats 40, is free, and is centrally located. Vinnie's Pizza (seats 60) was also suggested. We need to find a day/time that does not conflict with other progressive groups to have regularly scheduled meetings with our members.

Action Items

- Finalize the discussion panel for film night. Advertise the event widely.
- Set-up a Candidates Forum and invite progressive/green candidates and members.
- Add events to the Clark County Activism calendar.
- Table at Farmers Market once a month. Second volunteer needed.
- Find a day/time for regularly scheduled meetings.

Next Meeting: No meeting of Council or Membership was scheduled.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Minutes recorded by Cambria Keely. Submitted on May 24th.