

New London Green Party

December 3, 2017 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

Draft Minutes

In attendance: John Balchunas, Daryl Finizio, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Bud McAllister, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guest: Jana Flaherty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Mirna.

- 1) Minutes from 11/5 meeting were not available; approval tabled to next month.
- 2) Treasurer's report: Income \$47.93 (donation), expenditure \$59.00 (NationBuilder site); current balance is \$171.30. Bob will send out a fundraising letter to help replenish our funds following the election.
- 3) State Central Committee report: The 11/30 meeting focused on election strategies employed by the various chapters and town committees. Upcoming events: House party fundraiser hosted by Linda Thompson, tentatively on 12/30/17; SCC meetings scheduled for 1/25/18, 2/28/18, and 3/22/18. The following NL Greens were authorized to represent our chapter at SCC meetings: Ronna Stuller, Bob Stuller, Mirna Martínez, Daryl Finizio, Bud McAllister, Daniel Spurr, and Erick Carrion. Ronna will obtain a current list from the Registrar of Voters so we can add others (up to 14, as permitted per GPCT guidelines, based on number of registered Greens).
- 4) Old business
 - a) Election results: Mirna was elected to the Board of Education (and likely to be its next President - YAY!), and Erick had a good showing for a first-time candidate.
- 5) New business
 - a) Internal elections: In January we will vote for officers and some Town Committee representatives. Ronna will reach out to registered Greens in order to form a slate of candidates to present to all NL Green Party members prior to the meeting.
 - b) A fundraiser is anticipated for late February or early March 2018. We are still in the early stages of planning: seeking location and musicians for the event.
 - c) Greens are encouraged to apply to serve on city boards and commissions. A full list and application information is available at <http://www.ci.new-london.ct.us/content/7429/7475/default.aspx>.
- 6) Updates
 - a) State of the City: Swearing-in for the newly-elected City Council will take place in Council Chambers on Monday, December 4, 7pm.
 - b) Education and the Board: Swearing- for the newly-elected BOE will take place at the STMHS on Monday, December 4, 6pm. The budget remains a issue: BOE made cuts, but the City still needs to allocate the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funds.
 - c) Riverside Park/NENL: "Scenes from Riverside Park" paintings are on display in the

New London Main Street office; the Neighbor Day tradition is continuing with a celebration on May 20, 2018.

- d) Environmental actions: Mirna reported that school-level recycling will be addressed once more.
- e) Thinking Green: FRESH on 12/5, Mirna and Erick on 12/19, NL Homeless Hospitality Center on 12/26. Daryl is interested in a show on criminal justice.
- f) The city is again seeking purchasers for the Martin Center; no offers so far, but a sale would threaten the FRESH urban farm, which is located on the parcel.

7) Announcements and upcoming events

December 10, 1:30pm, Mt. Moriah Church: "Homes and Hands" film screening and discussion on Community Land Trusts.

Ronna moved to adjourn, second by Mirna, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. Next meeting and Town Committee elections will be held on Sunday, January 7, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Subject to approval.