

Sunday, October 3, 2004

Attended by: Kenric Hanson (Facilitator), Sheila Herbert, Adam Weinberg, Ronna Stuller, Bob Stuller (Recorder) and John Russell (guest).

Local and regional elections John Russell and the members present engaged in a free-wheeling discussion of the issues faced by state representatives. Afterwards, the group voted to not endorse him but left it open that any individual Green can work on his behalf if s/he is so motivated.

Andy's Report (via email) In addition, here's a brief report from the State Central Committee meeting Tuesday. *The proposed budget was amended as we discussed at our last meeting, so that the CTGP would not pay more than the \$100 per month for the rent for the Office. However, there was no consensus on the amended budget, and the Executive Committee withdrew it, so it wasn't passed. *There's a proposal to rotate the SCC meeting location. The proposal was to have each chapter in turn host the meeting, or to have each region in turn host the meeting. Discussion centered on how difficult this would make it for those of us in the corners. Maybe have only the central chapters host? Any input would be welcome.

Conn College Adam reported a resurgence of activism on campus, on both left and right. CCLeft is meeting twice a week. We are invited to come speak to CCLeft about local issues & local opportunities for activism. Adam is the lone senior with most members being freshfolks & sophomores so any efforts to connect will carryover into the future. Bob will attend one of their Wednesday meetings in October. Converting Conn's vehicles to biodiesel is moving forward & Kenric will connect with the folks making this effort. An organic garden is under construction. Bob will attempt to hook them up with CV at McCulloch Farm to receive horse-manure deliveries. CCLeft.org & NLGreens.org will exchange links to each others' website.

Voter Registration Rick Buell jump-started our lagging voter registration drive. He made some phone calls and got us opportunities at C-Town, Mitchell College & Stop-and-Shop. We have also done some door-to-door. We have been able to register a lot of people & help them learn where their polling station is, learn about the candidates' stands on the issues, re-enfranchisement, etc.. For more information or to get involved, contact Rick Buell at 443-3849 or 861-2922.

Budget Ken expressed his disappointment in the council's reaction to the defeat of the budget & feels that we should use this as an issue in future elections.

Thinking Green Ken's guests respectfully declined to appear on the subject of property-tax reform. It was decided to do a show with all the hosts that would have one half devoted to an intro to the purpose of the show and one half devoted to a topic to be named later. Andy and Ken will attend the October 11th scheduling meeting to pick up a time slot for the next 13-week period.

C.U.R.E. Ken would like to arrange a joint meeting of the Greens and CURE. The council's arbitrary million-dollar cut suggests that the parents need to develop political clout.

Next Meeting Sunday, November 7, 6:00 p.m., at the Stullers' house Facilitator and Recorder to be determined on the day of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Bob