

April 3, 2005, 6 pm

19 Evergreen Ave. New London

Chair: Andy Derr Recorder: Ronna Stuller In Attendance: Pat Bolles, Rick Buell, Laura Cordes, Pete de la Rosa, Kenric Hanson, Andy Derr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller, Courtney Weber

CT GREEN PARTY Elections:

The Annual Meeting: is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, in New Haven; Andy plans to attend and encourages others to as well. Ballots are available online, and all are urged to vote. None of the races are contested at this time, but a vote for "none of the above" is permitted. The candidates are: Co-Chairs (3 ) - Mike DeRosa, Aaron Gustafson, Kelly McCarthy; Secretary - Barbara DeRosa; Treasurer - Bob Eaton; Representatives to GPUS (2) - Tom Seigny and Tim McKee; Alternate Rep - Karen Norton. State Central Committee Meeting: Andy reported that all 11 chapters attended; in addition, New Britain became a new chapter. Miguel Nieves is running for the office of Mayor of New Britain as a Green. It was clarified that Peg Cramer's bequest was intended for the national party; however, it is possible that Connecticut might receive a share of the money. As a result there is no need to make a motion preventing action on this money until a budget is approved. The Office Committee report, presented over objections by the Hartford chapter, stated that there is not enough money to maintain the office and that the insurance coverage is not as helpful to chapters as previously thought. After some debate it was decided to bring the issue to the local chapters and vote on it at next month's State meeting. The 3 options related to CT Green Party funding of the Hartford office are: (1) Continue current funding (50% of rent, 100% of expenses, ~\$5,500 a year) (2) Decrease funding (25% of rent and expenses, ~\$2,500 a year) (3) Cease funding entirely; allow Hartford full responsibility to decide future of office After a discussion of pros (importance of maintaining a state campaign headquarters) and cons (affordability issues), the group initially voted to empower Andy to vote for either option (2) or (3), as seems best to him. However, Bob re-moved, and Ken seconded, to authorize Andy to vote for (3). In light of Hartford's continued debt to the state party as well as the absence of a budget, the motion passed by consensus. Andy anticipates that a budget will pass as soon as the office issue is resolved.

Elections:

Elections Committee members are Laura Cordes, Rick Buell, Ken Hanson, Pat Bolles, Andy Derr and Laura Silk. They are pairing up into teams to talk with prospective candidates and advisers. The NL Greens Convention is scheduled for Saturday, June 12.

STATE STRATEGY COMMITTEE:

Only 4 people attended the meeting in New London yesterday, in part due to bad weather. The Day reported quite favorably on the meeting, but some NL Greens expressed concerns that unrealistic claims were being made regarding plans to run candidates in 2006.

VISION COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: We plan to have a table at the Conn College Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 23. In addition, Andy will talk to Tracee Reiser about participating in Volunteer Day. Andy spoke to Laura Silk about the pollution problems at Veterans Field; there has been arsenic and lead found at the site. The school is trying to reassure parents, and (per a follow-up call to Teachers' Union President Joanna Brother) there seem to be no major concerns at this time.

Elections Committee will meet at Ken's house on Friday, April 8, at 5 PM

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1, at 6 PM, at the Stuller home.