

Chapter Meeting

July 7, 2006

Present:

Andy Derr (facilitator), Pat Bolles, Bud MacCalister, Bob Stuller, Shiela Herbert, Andrew Brown, Tim Hanser, Stephanie Gregorman, Laura Cordes, Ronna Stuller, Chris Nelson (recording), Kenric Hansen, Pete de la Rosa, Ken Krayske

Jeff Russell

Announced at last State Central Committee meeting that he was interested in running for Congress in the Second District. Andy invited Jeff to attend this chapter meeting. He did not attend the meeting.

Andy discussed with Jeff his plans after the state central committee meeting. He appeared to be late and without a plan. His absence from this meeting does not bode well. Andy thinks he should run as a write-in candidate if at all. Chapter concurred in withholding endorsement.

Petition Drive

Prior to today, 8,138 have been collected.

We are slightly ahead of the plan; the goal was to collect 8,000 by July 13.

We need 7,500 certified to qualify for the ballot.

So far 4,200 have been turned in. 1,00 have been processed, with 823 of those receiving certification. Ken anticipates a rejection rate of 33%.

New London's goal is to collect 1,500 signatures. To date, we have collected 709.

The following are good places and events at which to petition in the coming weeks:

Showing of an Inconvenient Truth in Niantic

North Stonington Agricultural Fair

Shakespeare in the Park

Ronna will distribute list of registered Greens to call to volunteer, and email people about petitioning.

Ken's Report

Goals of Thorton for Governor campaign:

Win gubernatorial race in New London

Spread support into neighboring towns

Do two fundraising events, raising 2,500-5,000. The money raised will be spent locally. Nader might headline one or more events.

Build local party so that we can win municipal races in '07.

Campaign Update

Cliff is meeting on Tuesday with New London Day editorial board. He will be on Murray Renshaw's Public Access TV show this Thursday

Thinking Green

We are on hiatus for the summer. Tomorrow at 6:00 is the producers' meeting. Ronna will attend. It would be good to have others as well. Eastern CT Cable is to be sold to a larger company. It would be good to have a large turnout to demonstrate support for the staff who coordinate the public access shows.

We will have the number one pick of timeslots for the fall. We will choose Thursdays at 7:00. We will resume broadcasting live the first Thursday in October.

Motion was made, and consensus was reached, around spending \$100 to purchase a high-quality mic, which would enable us to conduct person-on-the street interviews and produce material suitable for airing.

We will arrange to produce a show with Cliff Thorton walking the streets of New London interacting with voters. This show will be aired during the summer or fall and distributed to other cable outlets.

Fort Trumbull

The petition to rescind eviction notices has been accepted and will be considered at tomorrow's City Council meeting. Its affect is limited, as both homeowners have settled. Some have speculated that the final settlements, as they were made under duress, would be revoked if the Council rescinded, or the voters repealed at referendum, the motion to pursue evictions against the remaining homeowners.

Racism of the Well-Intended

Sat. Aug. 12 training

Bud wants to hook environmental movement with civil rights movement

Pokey Phillips, chair of local NAACP, is planning to do a forum on racism

Would be a good opportunity for Cliff to speak

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$815.

We will discuss ways of spending it next meeting. Can be used for anything other than direct support of specific candidates.

Web Site

We are missing some minutes. Tim and Ronna will send them. Ronna will send information for the last Thinking Green show.

T-Shirts & Branding

They are generating lots of good publicity. A photo of Incognito Sofa Love, a local band, playing at Sailfest, featured their sax player wearing our T-Shirt on the front page of the Region section of the New London Day.

Bob & Ronna have two on hand. Chris & Laura have approximately 25.

We will need to re-order soon.

We should consider quality of vendors, (union made, local). We should develop a logo, to be used on T-Shirt, web site and all other materials

Stephanie will contact local artists about the possibility of developing a logo

Next Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 6th 6:30 at the Stullers.

Tim will facilitate; Laura will record

Ken will bring Cliff

Announcements

Universal HealthCare (Bud)

Google universal healthcare foundation. United Action got \$100,000 grant from universal healthcare foundation for forums and education in SE CT. Cliff should attend.

Tag Sale (Kenric)

Saturday, Julyt, 22nd. Kenric will be point person. Andy will do publicity.

Riverside Park Clean-up (Tim)

July 29th at 11:00 is next Riverside Park cleanup. Picnic is at 1:00 pm.

Stephanie thought of bringing in local artists to paint underpasses.

CURE Film Festival (Sheila)

Check listserv for details. Moderated by John Scott.