

NL Greens Chapter Meeting May 6th, 2007

Members Present: Ken Hanson, Andy Derr, Laura Cordes (Facilitator), Pete De La Rosa, Ronna Stuller, Tim Hanser (Recording Secretary), Richard Krasner

Energy Platform Report (20min) Ken distributed some handouts regarding the energy committee's proposal. Work has been going on with some other groups. Platform ideas have also been applied at NLED. Discussed Mayor's Accords. Compile information regarding the various programs available in the state. Will be presented as part of the Party's plan to develop an energy plan for the city. Ronna added that there is a bill in the state house to require new schools (and possibly municipal building) to be LEED compliant as well as additional 2% funding for LEED projects. She will distribute the House bill. Tim suggested that there be more financials included to show cost/benefits. He feels that showing the public the financials will be very effective They have spoken to Council members regarding their proposal. Councilors Frink and Cavanaugh both suggested that this proposal goes through Berliner's office. Andy feels that we should approach current council for changes, but also to run it as a platform item in this fall's elections Laura wants to ensure that this work comes out as a project of the NL Greens. Ken and Pete would like to generate multiple forums with other groups to raise awareness on these issues. Ken would like us to endorse the platform sooner than later. Andy Moved that we endorse the platform. Tim seconded. The understanding is that this is a good first step, but more detail will be worked on. Motion passes unanimously. The platform is officially endorsed. Andy thanks Ken, Pete, and NLED for their work.

Connecticut Climate Coalition (CCC) (5 min) Pete has been corresponding with the CCC. Agencies, businesses, restaurants, and other groups totaling about 80 groups have joined. Pete would like to discuss the local chapters inclusion as a member of this group. Note: the state party is already a member. Andy listed the coalition's 10 point plan. Ken makes a motion to join CCC. Seconded by Andy. Passes Unanimously. Pete has been delegated to sign up and be the contact person.

State Report (15 min) State Convention (April 21) Election results. The winners are: Co-Chair:s: Cliff Thornton, Jean DeSmet, Mike DeRosa Secretary: Barbara DeRosa Treasurer: Chris Riley Representatives to the national party: Charlie Pilsbury, Tim McKee, Amy Vas Nunes (alternate) No representative was present at the monthly meeting. Ronna wants to make sure that we have representation at each meeting. She also felt that there is a need for more candidates to run for the State Central Committee. She would like more people from SE CT to be more active. Monthly meetings are the last Tuesday of every month. Cliff would like to here what our needs are, and what we as a local chapter feel is important at the state level. Tim feels it's important to get more awareness in colleges and High schools. Laura would like to dedicate time at the June meeting to discuss what we as a local chapter want to see at the state level.

Thinking Green Update The last show before the summer is June 28. We will resume in October. There are only a few slots available.

Ronna is asking for more people to be involved. It is too much for one person to organize it.

Andy would like to have a week in June for energy policy.

Andy would like to identify open slots for the fall to plug them with our candidates for council and Board of Ed.

Candidate Committee Report The committee met a few times. They have generated two lists: one of candidates we seriously want, and some others that we may want to discuss further.

We have decided that think we should run 2-3 candidates for Council, and 2-4 candidates for Board of Ed. We have had some discussion with the Republicans and INL to try to keep the number of candidates for Council to a minimum.

Andy presented the list.

Andy is asking for some direction from the group, and then form a recruiting committee. The committee would like recruiting completed by the end of May. The committee also recommended the hiring of a campaign manager, with an increased pay compared with 2005.

Laura would like a more detailed job description for campaign manager.

Laura expressed her support of Ronna for City Council.

Andy will serve on Recruiting Committee. Would like one or two more.

Ken wants the campaign budget to be discussed at June's meeting. Treasurer's Report There was no treasurer's report

Record's Chair Tim will be leaving the area. A new Records Chair will need to be appointed.

Announcements The FCC will be granting some radio licenses in the near future. There is room for a full power FM station in New London. Richard is working on this project to get a license. He would like to see it become a community radio station.

The St. Francis House is having a mortgage burning party on May 18th.