

New London Greens

Chapter of the CT Green Party

Minutes of Monthly meeting
May 18, 2008
3:00 pm

At the home of Bob and Ronna Stuller
19 Evergreen Ave.
New London, CT

Members present:

Ronna Stuller, chair
Andy Derr, secretary
Art Costa
Pete de la Rosa
Bud McAllister
Ken Hanson
Bob Stuller

Others present:

Scott Deshefy, Green candidate for Congress, 2nd CD

1. Minutes

Minutes for the April 13, 2008 meeting were not available.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present, and no report was made.

3. State Central Committee report /Convention

There was no State Central Committee meeting in April.

New cochairs for the CT Green Party were elected at the Annual Convention in New Haven on April 24: Phoebe Godfrey, Steve Fournier, and Mike DeRosa..

There are petitioning candidates in 4 Congressional Districts this year; the other, the 5th CD around New Haven, already has ballot status.

4. Old Business

a) Internal elections. The incumbent officers being willing to continue to serve, and no other candidates coming forward, Ken moved and Art seconded that we elect for 2008 Ronna Stuller as Chair, Chris Nelson as Treasurer, and Andy Derr as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Town Committee. Chris Nelson, the presenter, was not present, so this was tabled until the June meeting. There was strong support for forming a Town Committee at the April meeting. The current proposal has 11 members on the Town Committee: the three officers, 7 district representatives, and one at large representative. Forming a Town Committee requires a change in the bylaws.

c) Ronna presented the budget proposal for discussion.

Income	
Balance on hand	\$540.22
Fund raiser - Tag sale	500.00
Total	\$1,040.22
Expenditures	
Friends of the Library fee	\$100.00
Publicity (tabling fees, ad books)	300.00
2008 Campaign support	200.00
Project materials	200.00
Administrative fees	100.00
Annual meeting	100.00
Total	\$1,000.00

Andy moved and Art seconded that the budget proposal be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Deshefy for Congress

Scott spoke about needs for help from the NL Greens. He needs help with publicity (radio shows, public appearances, etc.) and Letters to the Editor. He also needs help with getting signatures on his nominating petitions. He is going door to door in Montville, getting 50 signatures in 4 - 5 hours. The deadline is August 4. He is asking for 10 New London volunteers to get 40 signatures each. He would like to get them done in June. Sail Fest and a number of other local fairs occur in June and early July, and have been great sources of signatures in past years.

Ronna has blank petitions , and will assemble some Green party information and Deshefy literature that can be passed out.

e) 39th Assembly District- Ronna invited Lindsay Blank, who may be running against Hewett for the Republicans, to talk to us. There was some strong feeling that if Hewett was running unopposed, we should field a Green candidate.

5. New Business

a) Tag Sale- The tag sale will be on Saturday, July 5, at 242 Ocean Ave., Ken and Ashley Hanson's house. Rain date will be Sunday, July 6. We will also have a Green party picnic at the Hanson's on Sunday, July 6. We will again be taking the leftovers from the All Souls tag sale on the June 21.

b) NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet - The annual Freedom Fund Banquet is Thursday, August 21, at Port and Starboard, Ocean Beach. Andy moved and Ken seconded that the NL Greens take out a full page ad in the program booklet, at a cost of \$100.00. The motion passed unanimously. We discussed who wanted to attend the banquet (cost \$75 including NAACP membership), and giving a scholarship from the NL Greens. Andy will ask the Green members if they want to contribute to it.

6. Updates

a) ReNew London. Art reports that the next meeting is Thurs. May 27, 5:30, at the Public Library of New London. RNL has become a project of the Center for the Study of Economics in Philadelphia. RNL is also working with the CT Asset Network in Weathersfield, in order to identify the assets that we have in order to meet our needs, instead of asking others (the state) for help.

They are still working hard on Land Value Tax. They have an updated report from CSE on our tax base, Mayor DeStefano of New Haven is interested, and they are hoping for a bill in the legislature early next year.

b) Thinking Green- We are booked through June, and will be taking our usual summer hiatus July through October.

c) Sustainability Committee - Ken reports that they are working on a Sustainability fair or a Bike event. The meetings of the Committee are open to the public, and are at 7:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at the Senior Center.

d) Charter Revision Commission- Art reports that the Commission is currently working on form of government issues, and he is trying to get the Commission to look at options like District Representation, Town meetings, and Representative Town meetings.

The next meeting is Monday, June 9, at 6:30 pm, in the Council Chambers, and the public is encouraged to attend.

e) Tea Horse- Bud reports that work has begun on the construction of the Tea Horse.

7. Announcements

a) The SECT Peace and Justice Network is sponsoring an action at the Coast Guard Academy to protest Dick Cheney's presence on Wednesday. Bob moved and Andy seconded that the NL Greens cosponsor the event. The motion was approved unanimously.

b)The Kelo House rededication ceremony will be on June 21, at 2 pm, on Franklin St.

c) Love Makes a Family is having an event in East Lyme on June 22.

d) The Voluntown Peace Trust is having a fund raiser on May 24.

e) Ken is now the president of the Caulkins Park Neighborhood Association.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 8, at 3 pm, location to be determined.

Andy Derr
Secretary