

New London Green Party
April 5, 2015 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Tim Hanser (facilitator), Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guest: Rourke Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.

Minutes from 3/1/15 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Expenses (PO Box and fundraiser outlays) totaled \$506. Gross income from fundraiser was \$1,317.90. Current balance is \$1,082.27.

State Central Committee: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25, and it would be great for New London Greens to attend. Ballots should be in the mail this week. The state party fundraiser featuring Jill Stein, held on March 28, was a success.

Old business

- (1) NLGP outreach: The NLGP fundraiser, held on Saturday, March 21, was great! Many thanks especially to the musicians and donors of raffle items!
- (2) Town Committee
 - Platform committee (City): Tim, Kris and Ronna met on March 28, are working on a more succinct platform statement for this year's campaign.
 - Platform committee (Education): Mirna, Jason and Ronna met on March 29, and have started updating the platform to reflect current issues.
 - Drafts of both updated platforms will be available for our next meeting.

New business

- (1) Neighbor Day: Will be held on Sunday, May 17; further details available from Lorain.
- (2) Thames River Basin Partnership: Bud hopes to involve cadets in waterfront projects, eventually work toward building a boathouse at Riverside Park.
- (3) Move your money: Rourke shared his interest in a "bank transfer day" to encourage people and municipalities to move their money from big banks to small, local ones.

Updates

- (1) State of the City: Budget hearings in process, 4.4% increase sought; improvements to downtown roads and parking are being planned; consolidation/improvement of maintenance of city and school properties is being discussed.
- (2) Education: Proposed budget includes 5.98% increase; Council is supportive so far. School maintenance, renovation of Harbor School are major facility issues.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: Public hearing on the Winthrop Stairs project will be on April 8, 7:30pm; RPC is seeking funding for its annual festival and to rebuild the park pavilion.

Announcements & upcoming events

GRACE (Growing Racial and Cultural Equity):
April 16, "Examining Whiteness" discussion
May 11, next film and discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, May 3.

Approved on May 3, 2015