

New London Green Party
August 2, 2015 - 19 Evergreen Avenue

In attendance: Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser, Bud McAllister, Jason Morris, Dan Spurr (facilitator), Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guest: Kelsey Alexander.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

Minutes from the 7/5 regular meeting and 7/22 special meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Income \$339.14 (yard sale); expense \$.42 (bank fee). Balance is \$1,538.99.

State Central Committee: Ronna and Tim attended the 7/28 meeting. Ben Holden and Dave Olszta were endorsed to run in Canton and New Haven, respectively. The SCC is seeking individuals interested in being alternates to the GPUS National Committee. Ronna volunteered to join Chris Reilly and Linda Thompson on budget committee. Baird Welch-Collins and Emily Garfinkel volunteered to join Linda and Bud on conflict resolution committee.

Old business

- (1) 2015 election planning: Campaign is seeking manager, office, locations for house parties. Ronna will request voter database from registrars. Jason will set up Google Docs so candidates can share resources easily. Working on lawn sign and lit designs and vendors.
- (2) NLGP outreach: A second yard sale is planned for late August or early September. Stephanie and Ronna met to work on updated literature for party awareness. The group decided to hold 5 park clean-ups, late August-October; potential locations include Riverside, Toby May, Bates Woods, Garfield parklet, Waterfront, Fulton, Broad St parks.

New business

After discussing the SCC request for input on GPCT budget priorities, the NLGP recommends: (now) Support for municipal campaigns, especially for candidates without local party support. (after 2015 elections) Presidential ballot access, outreach, and leadership training.

Updates

- (1) State of the City: Downtown parking lot plan received a generally positive response at public meetings held last week; Tim is working with city to address concerns about loss of spaces. Lighthouse Inn RFPs are being reviewed by Council.
- (2) Education: Summer has been quiet; frustration remains about lack of BOE follow-through on adopting new policies related to Equity & Diversity and Restorative Discipline practices.
- (3) Riverside Park/NENL: The historic fountain is being returned to Hodges Square thanks to HSVA efforts. The Riverside pet waste bag dispensers have been rebuilt by students in OYA's summer jobs program. Down by the Riverside Festival will be held on September 19.
- (4) Bud reported on Gloucester PD's shift to treatment referral rather than incarceration for addicts; presentation was well attended, and specifics may be applicable to our GP platform.

Announcements & upcoming events

SECT Peace & Justice commemorations on dropping of atomic bomb:
Thursday 8/6, 4:30pm - Hiroshima Silent Vigil at Soldiers & Sailors monument
Sunday, 8/9, 8am - Nagasaki Prayer for Peace at NL Subbase, Groton
Nimble Arts Circus - Sunday, 8/9, 4pm, on Parade Plaza
NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner - Thursday, August 20, 6pm, Port n Starboard.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, September 6. (Cookout on the deck, since it'll be Labor Day weekend.)

Approved on September 6, 2015.