

# **New London Green Party**

July 2nd, 2017 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: John Balchunas, Erick Carrión, Stephanie Gregerman, Tim Hanser (facilitator), Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Margarita Mogollón, Elijah Singer, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Olive Martínez-Good, Maria Martínez, Alma Nartatez, Baird Welch-Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

- 1) Minutes from 6/4 meeting were approved by consensus. Motion by Mirna, 2nd by Bud.
- 2) Treasurer's report: Income last month was \$18. Expenses totaled \$342.20 (nominating meeting notice and space, tables at Sailfest and NL Pride). Current balance is \$345.28.
- 3) State Central Committee:
  - a) A \$5,000 budget for calendar year 2017 was approved.
  - b) Each chapter has been asked to choose a representative to the Social Media Committee; Elijah will be New London's rep.
  - c) Baird would like to create a GPCT video; NL Greens are supportive and will help.
  - d) September–December meetings will be scheduled at the July 28 SCC meeting; Ronna will offer New London for an outreach-focused SCC meeting in October.
- 4) Old business
  - a) Outreach Committee: No report.
  - b) Town Committee:
    - Mirna and Erick were endorsed for BOE at the July 14 convention at FRESH.
    - A second nominating meeting is planned for August 15.
    - A Town Committee meeting will be scheduled soon for campaign planning.
  - c) New London Green Youth:
    - Group screened "Requiem for the American Dream" at their last meeting.
    - NLGY has a new logo, and on July 7 they will make tee shirts.
    - They are considering hosting an intergenerational "boomer vs. millennial debate" to raise funds and encourage thoughtful discussion of issues.
  - e) Sailfest tabling: Tabling times are 10am-11pm Saturday and 10am-6pm Sunday; volunteers from the region are invited to take shifts and bring materials to share.
  - f) New London Pride: Application is in for the August 26 festival at Ocean Beach; we plan to sell merchandise as well as provide information and voter registration.
  - g) Environmental actions: Maureen Connaughton gave information on recycling to the Board of Education; Dr. Rivera will meet with her to follow up on implementation.
- 5) New business
  - a) Fundraising ideas were discussed: speaker event, yard sale, "Porch Fest" progressive concert, merchandise sales, face painting and temporary tattoos.
  - b) Records Chair position is opening due to Tim's impending move to Philadelphia; Town Committee will seek replacement to be voted on at our next regular meeting.
- 6) Updates
  - a) State of the City: Signatures were collected to bring the budget ordinances to referendum; when a date is set, we will consider taking a party stand on the issue. For the most part, NL Greens favor passage of this year's city and BOE budgets.
  - b) Education and the Board: School support staff have unionized! Elijah was involved

- in the effort and spoke to the BOE when the new bargaining unit was recognized.
- c) Riverside Park/NENL: No report.
  - d) Thinking Green: On summer hiatus; fall slot will be assigned at 7/10 producer mtg.
  - e) Additional updates: Margarita reported on the planned transfer of stormwater management to the Water & Water Pollution Authority, and the future implementation of fees to address run-off.

7) Announcements & upcoming events

July 15, 10am-12pm, Neighborhood Alliance meeting

July 29, Waterford Green Party nominating convention

August 5, Waterford Green Party fundraiser concert at Cohanzie Firehouse

Motion to adjourn by Mirna, 2nd by Erick; meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, August 6, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

~~Subject to approval.~~