

New London Green Party

September 2, 2018 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Mirna Martínez, Bud McAllister, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller

Guests: Owen Charles, Lynne Charles, Patty Dolan, Bryan Doughty, Emily Garfinkel, Baird Welch-Collins

Meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Mirna.

- 1) July minutes: Bob moved to approve, 2nd by Mirna; passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's report: An old \$200 payment for our spring fundraiser cleared; additionally, \$115 was spent for table + insurance for Pride Fest participation. \$130 raised at Pride Fest from notecard and print sales. Balance is \$551.09.
- 3) State Central Committee: Two meetings were held in August, on 8/8 and 8/22. Main focus has been on recruiting candidates to run for state legislature and Registrar of Voters where the Green Party has the ballot line. Upcoming meetings were scheduled for 9/22, 10/25, and 11/28.
- 4) Nominating Convention: CT House of Representatives, 39th District
Though we earned the ballot line in 2016, no registered Greens have stepped forward this year. Bob moved that the New London Greens endorse Chris Soto to run on the Green Party line in the November 2018 election, 2nd by Mirna; passed unanimously. Chris could not attend the meeting, but has let us know that he'd accept the nomination if offered; Ronna will contact him to complete the required paperwork before the Wednesday deadline.
- 5) Old business
 - (a) Pride Fest report: A beautiful day and good outreach opportunity.
 - (b) Opportunities to support 2018 Green Party candidates
September 22, 3-7pm: house party in Madison for Michelle Bicking for Congress
Possible October house party in New London (at Alma & Mar's home)
 - (c) New London issues/potential projects: Bryan reported on the Solid Waste Task Force; goals are to increase recycling, reduce solid waste, and get public buy-in. The task force is seeking input from community members; next meeting is 9/10 in Council anteroom.
- 6) New business
 - (a) We discussed fundraising ideas for fall: Sunset wine-tasting overlooking the river; pop-up holiday store or craft sale booth to sell more art prints and notecards.
- 7) Updates
 - (a) State of the City: Budget adjustment that was necessitated by the petition has been finished. Ocean Avenue paving is in process. Plans are being considered for stormwater management on South Water Street.
 - (b) Education and the Board: New superintendent Cynthia Ritchie has made a great start.
 - (c) Riverside Park: Down by the Riverside Festival will be held on 9/15; it was suggested the RPC purchase trash bins for the pet waste stations.
 - (d) Community Land Trust: SECT CLT has purchased its first house, 34 Prest St.
 - (e) Thinking Green: Back on the air 10/2, featuring CT Green Party candidates for 1st month.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 7, 7pm, at 19 Evergreen Avenue.

Mirna moved to adjourn, 2nd by Bob; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:06pm.

Approved by consensus on October 7, 2018.