

New London Green Party

January 6, 2019 – 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: John Balchunas, Erick Carrión, Bud McAllister, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Margarita Mogollón, Tambria Moore, Daniel Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder).

Start time: 7:10pm.

- 1) December minutes: Tambria moved to approve, 2nd by Bob; approved unanimously with 1 abstention (Danny).
- 2) Treasurer's report: January 10 report was submitted. No activity; balance is still \$491.93.
- 3) State Central Committee: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9. The NLGP proposal to dissolve the Dispute Resolution Committee is on the agenda.
- 4) Old business
 - a) The proposed GPCT bylaws, introduced at our last meeting, were revisited and discussed. The information has been distributed via email, and in-person visits were made to about 15 for whom we don't have contact information. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, though some individuals acknowledged that a more incremental approach might work, once the bylaw amendment process is amended to allow for a clearer procedure in the future. Motion 1: Danny moved that the New London Greens recommend approval of the proposed bylaws, as presented, by the State Central Committee, 2nd by Bud; passed unanimously. Motion 2: Danny moved that the New London Greens recommend, for immediate State Central Committee approval, the substitution of the proposed text [VI] Bylaw Amendments & Revision to replace the existing [III] Bylaws - Amendments and Revisions; passed unanimously.
 - b) The following issues and projects were discussed:
 - (1) Action on plastic bag ban is deferred to March, due to more pressing issues.
 - (2) Mike Alewitz is amenable to the idea of a tour of his museum of labor history; we will follow up with him to schedule an event in February or March.
 - (3) Monitoring of homeless tent sites; Tambria will share information about the Point of Time count on January 23, and we will plan a Bates Woods clean-up for the following weekend.
- 5) New business
 - a) 2019 annual meeting and internal elections: The following officers were elected: Ronna Stuller - Records Chair, Mirna Martinez - Meeting Chair, Bob Stuller - Treasurer, Danny Spurr - TC north of Bank, Erick Carrión - TC downtown, Kris Wraight - TC south of Bank. We will fill the remaining vacancies at the next meeting.
 - b) Due to the resignation of Chris Soto, who has accepted a job with the Lamont administration, there will be a special election to fill the 39th district seat. There was general agreement that the Greens should do more than just seek to hold the ballot line, Mirna announced that she would like to run an aggressive campaign (including applying for CEP). A nominating convention was tentatively scheduled for January 20, contingent on the election calendar, which has not been released yet. Exciting!
- 6) Updates
 - (a) Education and the Board: BOE new officers are Manny Rivera (president), Jeff Hart (vice president), and Susan Tierney (secretary). Work continues to counter false information and get approval to establish a non-lapsing fund.

- (c) Sustainability: Property owners have begun to be assessed a fee for stormwater, bringing the issue of sea level change to the forefront; Solid Waste Task Force continues to explore waste reduction through composting and recycling.
- (d) Community Land Trust: A community meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1/10; Rain Daugherty has been hired as consultant; potential properties are being looked at, as organizational development, ownership procedure development, and fundraising efforts continue.

We will not have a February regular meeting; instead, we anticipate a late January nominating convention and a series of campaign-related meetings.

Tambria moved to adjourn, 2nd by Margarita; passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:01pm.

Approved on March 3, 2019.