

New London Green Party

August 7, 2016 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Tim Hanser (recorder), Mirna Martinez, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (facilitator), John Balchunas, Stephanie Gregerman, Bud McAllister.
Guests: Jason Morris, MaryAnne Davis, Henri Alphonse, Natalia Rios

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes from the 6/05/16 regular meeting were approved by consensus.
Motion made by Mirna, seconded by Bob.

Treasurer's report: Expenditures of \$220. Deposits of \$0. Current balance is \$849.48.

State Central Committee: at the July meeting, two proposals were discussed, but no votes were cast: Immunization notification and disclosures; communications committee formation.

There was a discussion of potential growth areas for new chapters across the state.

Old business

a) Outreach Committee

a. Events Update

- (1) Green Moms: Need to address strategy based on turnout and engagement. Next event is Thursday, August 11th.
- (2) The next NL Progressives happy hour to be determined at The Social.
- (3) Yard Sale is scheduled for August 27th at 11 Plant Street. Fundraising goal is \$1000.

- b. There was a discussion about cleaning up and consolidating the various NL Greens Facebook accounts

b) Town Committee

a. 39th District Candidate search

- (1) Ronna Stuller has been nominated to run. She needs 34 signatures for ballot access, and already has 50 in hand.
- (2) No other actions of the committee, but 10 voters registered Green in July.

Ballot Access

Concerns were discussed regarding the presidential petition drive. There is a lack of trust in the validity of numbers reported, as they appear

optimistic and/or vague. Lawyers are already in place to challenge the petition count, if necessary.

New business

- a) Maryanne Davis from the New Haven Town Committee is seeking support to revitalize the Town Committee in New Haven. There was a general discussion about how to help.
- b) 2nd Congressional district race. If people want to get involved, contact Tim, Ronna, or Mirna.

Updates

(1) State of the City: There was a general discussion of Police Community Relations and a debrief of the panel discussion that took place at the high school on the topic.

(2) Education:

- a) The makeup of the policy committee has changed through unilateral action by the BOE president. There was a discussion about what took place, as well as how to address it.
- b) There was a discussion regarding the new electronic attendance policy for BOE meetings by BOE members. Specifically discussed was a concern regarding how this may impact executive committee items.

(3) Riverside Park/NENL:

- a) Park cleanups are scheduled for the 1st Saturday of each month at 9AM.
- b) There is a new project at the community garden to clear the brush from the garden down to Central Ave, to develop a picnic area.
- c) In light of the states decision to deny funding for the connection between Winthrop School and Riverside Park, the Riverside Park Conservancy is developing strategies on how to proceed.
- d) Hodges Square Village Association is working with New London Landmarks to seek Historic District designation.

(4) Thinking Green:

Show will be back on the air in October on Tuesdays at 7PM.

(5) Additional Updates

- a. There was a discussion of the Federal Railroad Administration's long-range planning for the Northeast Corridor. There are concerns within New London County regarding a proposed bypass that may have impacts on each community along the shoreline. There are efforts to have a meeting with the FRA in the region.

Announcements

None

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Bud. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday, September 11th, 7pm.

Approved on September 11, 2016.