

New London Green Party

August 6, 2017 - 19 Evergreen Avenue, New London

In attendance: Erick Carrión, Mirna Martínez (facilitator), Margarita Mogollón, Bud McAllister, Daniel Spurr, Bob Stuller, Ronna Stuller (recorder). Guests: Jason Morris, Emily Garfinkel, Baird Welch-Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mirna.

- 1) Minutes from the 7/2 meeting: Mirna moved to approve, 2nd by Margarita; passed unanimously with one abstention (Danny S).
- 2) Treasurer's report: Revenue from this weekend's yard sale has not yet been counted but is estimated to be \$450-500; no other activity this month.
- 3) State Central Committee: Next meeting is on Wednesday, August 30; creation of a Conflict Resolution Committee and a Fundraising Committee is on the agenda. Chapter organizing activities in New Milford and New Haven are going well.

4) Old business

- (a) Officer election to replace Records Chair: Mirna nominated Margarita, 2nd by Bud; passed unanimously.
- (b) Outreach and fundraising: Potential fundraising activities include a sunset get-together and other event; candidates will also write letters to send to friends and supporters.
- (c) New London Green Youth: No report
- (d) 2017 municipal campaign/town committee: We are still seeking candidates for City Council; a nominating meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, at FRESH. Mirna and Erick are forming a Latinx caucus; first meeting was this afternoon.

5) New business

6) Updates

- (a) State of the City: No report
- (b) Education and the Board: With the departure of Superintendent Manny Rivera, the hiring of an interim is high priority and will be the subject of a special meeting this week. There is a need to educate the public on the realities of the school budget, which has been inaccurately blamed for this year's large tax increase. It was suggested to create an infographic.
- (c) Riverside Park/NENL: Riverside Park Conservancy and the Parks & Recreation Commission are advocating for the construction of a stairway connecting Winthrop School with the park.

Announcements and upcoming events:

- Tuesday, August 8: Board of Education special meeting
Thursday, August 17: Alisha Blake for BOE fundraiser, 33 Golden St.

Mirna moved to adjourn, 2nd by Danny; adjourned at 8:30pm. Due to Labor Day, next meeting will be second Sunday, September 10, 7pm.

Approved on September 10, 2017.