

**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Green Party of San Diego County, October 14, 2007**

Present:

Tim Casebolt, Ann Menasche, Magali Offerman, Mark Smith, Matthew Junker, Hugh Moore, Jason Hee, Suha Jayakumar, Jay Jayakumar.

Meeting was called to order at 1:20.

Agenda:

Council Elections
Council Meeting?
Regional Representative
October 27th March
Earth Charter

A potluck was planned for November at Ann Menasche's house, although the date was not set. A 20 minute film on single-payer healthcare will be shown, complimented with a presentation by Hugh Moore.

Council Elections:

Candidates: Matthew Junker, Rocky Neptun, Kevin Mock, Mark Smith, Suha Jayakumar.

No concerns were voiced with Rocky being elected to the County Council while running for public office.

With a quorum present, all candidates were elected to the County Council by consensus. Matthew Junker volunteered and was approved to the position of secretary.

Council Meeting?

Although a meeting was suggested to orientate new County Council members, no meeting was decided. A phone conference was suggested instead, but no date was set.

Regional Representative:

The state of California is divided into Coordinating Committee Regions, with representation based on regional population. The GPSD is included in the San Diego/Imperial region.

Magali never received the Bylaws from the Imperial County Greens, who might now be inactive. At the march in Potrero, Tim met a woman who said she had started the Imperial County Greens – Rocky has her e-mail.

From the GPCA:

“The highest decision-making body in the Green Party is the bi-annual General Assembly (aka Plenary). Active counties select delegates to represent them in the plenary and no proxies are allowed. The number of delegates allocated to each county is roughly proportional, based on the number of Green registrants in that county.

A state Coordinating Committee (CC) oversees the ongoing work of the state party between plenaries, maintains communication between locals, and handles any decisions or actions which cannot wait until the next plenary.”

According to the bylaws, if a representative misses three CC meetings, he/she is now invalidated. Magali missed three meetings, although her invalidation can be overturned by the GPSD County Council. With quorum, Magali was approved to be the continued delegate of the GPSD.

Because of Magali’s home situation, at least an alternative rep. for the CC is needed. Responsibilities include attending a monthly phone-conference on the first Monday of every month.

Mark Smith was approved by consensus to be an alternative delegate to the CC.

The General Assembly has been holding “Executive Sessions” to prevent the distribution of certain information, in which all delegates present must swear to secrecy.

Angered at this practice, a proposal was approved:

1. Magali can speak one on one to whoever promises to confidentiality.
2. Magali must inform the County Council about whomever she tells.
3. Magali, or any other representative, will no longer participate in any ‘executive sessions’ whatsoever.

Proposal was approved in hope of encouraging other councils to follow our lead and dismiss the practice of ‘executive sessions’ within the GPCA.

October 27th March:

The march will be focused on bringing an end to the war and providing national healthcare in the United States.

Aside from uniting the typical anti-war and peace groups throughout San Diego, the march has drawn support from several labor and health organizations (United Domestic Workers, Healthcare for All, SEIU, etc.)

The march will be held October 27th, 12:00 from Horton Plaza to Pontaja Park.

The GPSD will have a table set up in the rally after the march in Pontaja Park.

Earth Charter:

Following the suggestion of Mark Smith, the 'Earth Charter' was officially endorsed. More information can be found at earthcharter.org.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10.

Submitted by Matthew Junker (Secretary)