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GREEN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

March 19, 2016 Minutes

10:01 Called to Order. 15 adults present at this time: Sherry A. Wells, Douglas Campbell, Paul Homeniuk, John Anthony La Pietra, Jennifer La Pietra, (Serenity),
Eventually 8 more arrived:

Credentials Report; all present at meeting start were members; one too new to vote but CONSENSUS to permit him to do so. Welcome Andy Whiteman.

Agenda Approved with no additions or deletions.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: not in packet and updates.

Political Expenditures:

Jan. 23 GP-US Candidate Forum: Rent \$150; Postage \$12.60

Comm. to Ban Fracking \$600 (check was cashed)

Proposal: to ratify payment and reimbursement of Jan. 23 expenses CONSENSUS

Administrative Expenditures: None [General postage \$39.90]

Income: membership fees and donations: \$356.62

Account Balances: Political \$5199.64; Administrative: \$427.73 TOTAL \$5627.37

To Be Paid: expenses of this SMM: \$190 rent and coffee; Copying \$50.00

Financial Institutions: Political is with U of M. Credit Union in Dearborn, Administrative is with Bank of America. The Admin. Account is assessed a \$9 monthly fee; to inquire if a minimum balance could avoid that. No fundraising occurred, as required by By-laws.

Secretary [Archivist]: Nothing done yet, though attempted. Discussion included of proposal for multiple backups passed at prior SMM. CONSENSUS to have only 5 officers holding archival copies of records: Secretary, Committee Manager, Communications Manager, Membership Manager and Elections Co-ordinator.

Membership Manager:

He put in our packets a map showing # of members in each county. We're over 600 on the "clean list." Fund-raiser letter had been written, but Treasurer had not responded about funds for postage, so mailing did not go out.

Meeting Manager:

Local person, Paul Homeniuk, reported on Lansing area convention possibilities.

Getting Sunday also presented a problem. Consensus—get a venue for Saturday; if members want to meet on Sunday, recommend restaurants with meeting rooms for that carryover.

Resolution to guide the Meeting Manager effective 2017. Carl Archambeau raised, Lloyd Clark, Derek Grigsby, Margaret Guttshall supported: keep rotating locations around the state, but try to keep

using same venues for consistency and ease of logistics. Sherry's two-year cycle of SMMs is fine.

Locals Liaison:

Fred Vitale updated Metro Greens. The prior evening, they co-sponsored with Just Transition Network, "Movement Building in Election Time" action moving forward, Grassroots Global Justice. Solidarity Conference to be April in Detroit. Noted speakers for main issues: water, education, housing, Republic of New Africa. 40% attending were African-American. He announced Tues., Mar. 22 is World Water Day and a rally will be in Lansing on Capital steps in support of Detroit Rep. Stephanie Chang's 6 to 8 bills.

Eric B. stated the U of M Greens is registered as a D/B/A with the county; may have been the Washtenaw County Greens and Huron Watershed Greens.

Merchandise and Office Managers:

T-shirts are \$15, more or less, per Fred, who advanced the purchase

price. Buttons, etc. \$1 each and wearers testified as to the effectiveness of wearing them.

Media Committee Update: will add Fred Vitale, Communications Manager, as an owner and moderator of the yahoo group. Sherry's SMM PR appeared in at least 3 papers.

By-laws: Amendment to transfer primary responsibility of fundraising to Treasurer from Membership Manager. Some discussion. Passed by CONSENSUS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS [Some completed after post-lunch GP-US candidate SKYPE-ing.]

Chair: Paul Homeniuk nominated Joseph Jordan and read the letter from him accepting the nomination

—attached. Fred Vitale also was nominated and elected by vote of hands. 13 for Fred, 6 for Joe.

Fred expressed that it's important to have a GPMI experienced person in this position. Proposal and friendly amendment about having Co-chairs—proposal not passed.

Committee Manager: Art Myatt willing to remain.

Secretary: Doug Campbell agreed to remain, with Art's promised assistance in collecting and organizing

the electronic archive.

Treasurer: Lou Novak and Paul Homeniuk offered. 7 for Paul, 6 for Lou, 5 abstained.

Meeting Manager expressed concern about having to repeatedly remind Lou of deposit payments due for SMM venues--Lapeer could have cancelled us (and Grayling, too; she does not know whether Ferris State University has been paid yet to reserve Sept.)

Membership Manager: Rita Jacobs offered, Paul to assist transition.

Meeting Manager: Sherry A Wells wants one more year.

Co-Locals Liaisons: Tom Mair [Consensus to offer to Joe Jordan; after meeting; confirmed that he accepted.] Discussion: recommending each Liaison seek out assistant to cover about half. UP and rest of North; Lower West and East areas.

Merchandise and Office Manager: no nominees; unofficially being handled by Art checking PO Box

weekly; Sherry hauling merchandise box to SMMs.

Elections Coordinator: John Anthony La Pietra will remain for another year; requested someone to

"shadow" him as training for year after. Eric Siegel offered. Erik Borregard offered to assist as Secretary of Convention.

National Committee: all delegates willing to remain. CONSENSUS to accept them.
Alternates: Rod Reamer declined prior to SMM; Aaron Stuttman accepted, his offer accepted by Consensus. Harley and Merry Mikkelson believed to want to continue; will be contacted to confirm.

CONSENSUS for all in advance.

GP-US Committee - issue raised but no one proposed any changes to be made.

JALP proposed Sherry for GP-US Media Committee for a GPMI rep. Sherry agreed to look into it.

Proposal to Approve GPMI Platform--CONSENSUS

Eric S. suggested it needed a provision about “not be used to limit the speech rights of political parties and other advocacy groups.” Carl Archambeau asserted that citizens should have same rights

as corporations and also move around the world for tax breaks, and keep that in mind on the immigration issues. Art said it was important to have one-pagers re: issues. He repeated: “I welcome

any member of GPMI who wants our party to say more about a particular issue than is in the platform

document to submit an article for publication on the website/blog/newsletter/etc.”

LUNCH—participants brought/bought and brought back due to shortness of time.

1:00 Sharp! SKYPed presentations by candidates. Eric Borregard had all set-up.

Fred Vitale facilitated, including the Q and A.

S.K.C.M-Curry from Ghana; Kreml (whose handouts were available); Mesplay said we need to rebuild society so there's no need for a safety net, sustainability gives security, would use Executive

Order for indigenous peoples. Jill Stein, who ran also in 2012; “Feel the Chern” Cherney also played

guitar and sang. Fred had interviewed M-Curry in Eric B's studio—it's on YouTube. A Sept. 2015

interview of Jill Stein by Tavis Smiley is online, her positions are the same.

PROCEDURES: facilitated by John Anthony La Pietra.

Proposal: Polling of GPMI Membership and Selection of Delegates to National in Presidential years,

drafted by John Anthony La Pietra from prior procedures, passed by CONSENSUS.

Questions at bottom: approved IRV voting; Monitors: ad-hoc group of Elections Coordinator, Membership

Manager and one at-large. Proposed by Eric Siegel, Seconded Lou Novak. Adjusted for this year's late start. Question of allotting delegates to locals to be revisited in future.

Past practice per Fred and Lou: “Poll binds in proportion for first round; helps delegates decide as

they caucus afterward.” Fred proposed; Eric S. second.PASSED

Proposal: Presidential preference ballot

Eric S. proposed, Lou seconded: “All officially recognized by the GP-US as of Jan. 1 or who responded directly to GPMI officers by March 19, 2016,” deleting the two lines re: recognition. PASSED.

Proposal: Updated vetting questionnaire for Michigan elections candidates. PASSED

Selection of our delegates to the GP-US convention in Houston
VOLUNTEERED TO ATTEND IN PERSON: Fred, Margaret, JALP, Eric Siegel, Lou, Austin
Murphy. Lloyd believes travelers Harley and Merry would be willing. Total 8
If 8 attend, our other 7 may be PROXY delegates. VOLUNTEERS Jennifer LaPietra, Sherry,
Paul.

[Since then, Austin withdrew. Now need: 1 to attend, 4 proxies.]

Proposal: by Sherry, Seconded by _____. CONSENSUS to offer a minimum of \$100, which
happens

to be early registration fee. Fund-raising results may add to this.

Question: shall we invite other parties to have their candidates run as ours?

Consensus that we can certainly learn if their positions align with ours and then invite them.

JALP

would like Detroit members to research parties there. Eric B. will inquire about the Modern
Whigs,

who are running a State Rep. for 54th Dist. Candidate. Fred is familiar with Sparks.

2016 STATE ELECTIONS

GPMI members offering to run for public office—some added at SMM:

Sherry A Wells, State Board of Education

Margaret Guttshall, Wayne State University Board of Governors

Patrick N. Crumbaugh, State Rep/Dist. 82 (was interested in special election)

Celeste Bondie, Emmet County Board of Commissioners/District 4—Introduced self.

Korie Blyveis (formerly Korine Bachleda), Newberg Twp Clerk (Cass Co), she's the incumbent;
been

elected twice as a Green.

Kyle Johnson, ___ (Jackson Co) [no word since initial contact via Rod Reamer]

Tom Mair, Grand Traverse County Commissioner? (He keeps getting closer!)

John Anthony La Pietra, has not yet decided whether State Rep. Dist. 63 or County Clerk.

Eric Siegel, Oakland County Community College, Board. “nonpartisan,” but we could endorse
him.

Eric Borregard, State Rep. Dist. 52—pipeline, phosphates, fertilizer, road salt, campaign finance
and

nonenvironmental issues, too.

Randy Guard, State Rep. Dist. 109, Marquette

STATE SENATE RECALLS: Districts: 30, 35, 36, 37. Otherwise no 2016 Senate races.

Two petitions to recall Gov. Snyder have been approved as to wording.

AND YOU, TOO?! Or help on campaigns: manager, treasurer, volunteer organizer or simply
volunteer

as needed otherwise.

ALERT: Two Senate Bills negatively affecting smaller campaigns: SB776 regarding petition
signature

“staleness,” and SB841, ending waiver for campaigns under \$1000

6:00 Public Meet-the-Greens Pizza Party ended the meeting. No additional local people came
just for the pizza.