

Dallas County Green Party Minutes

June 25, 2016

Location: Union Coffee Shop, 5622 Dyer St #100, Dallas, TX 75206.

Attendance: The following persons were present: Kevin McCormick, Gary Stuard, Robert Caldwell, Cory Michael Bowers, Dan Sandlin, Wes Gaige, Nancy Gaige, Mary Margaret Keane, Kevin McCormick, Alexandra Teleky, Paul Blair, Alison Bittick.

Topics: No official party business was conducted as no motions were made or official acts of the party requested. We discussed ways to promote the Green Party and its candidates. Some detail was given to the “Slack” program and we will give it more attention. It was mentioned that there are thousands of school children who do not have enough food at home. We should find a way to communicate with their families since we appear to be the only party that cares about this situation. A focus on social media and using that as a means of spreading the word was discussed and, despite being “a mile wide and a centimeter thin,” as one put it, it was felt that social media and internet communications are our most promising approach at this time.

We had a session where each participant voiced a particular issue of concern to themselves. There were some eloquent statements made and the range is illustrative of the concerns of the Green Party and of many voters in the Dallas area. A brief mention of the issues:

- Hungry and poor children, the homeless, and those who are barely surviving. Despite the apparent opulence of many areas of Dallas, desperate poverty is all too common.
- Apathy – people just do not believe their actions will matter in society
- Single-Payer health care insurance and the many problems with the health care system
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of economic opportunity in general
- Drug law reform and cannabis legalization
- Socialism
- Electoral reform and economic justice: they system is rigged and is quite unfair
- Social services and particularly the appalling treatment of the mentally ill in Texas
- Rampant criminality in government and corporations
- Disappointment in the Democrat Party – Sanders supporters were treated very badly.
- Climate change
- The need to rebuild the Left in politics – unchecked fascism and corporatism leads to very bad outcomes.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm (in Conference Room A; reserved 2:00 to 3:00)
5622 Dyer St #100, Dallas, TX 75206 (Union Coffee shop)

Recorded by: Kevin McCormick