

Dallas County Green Party Minutes

August 28, 2016

Location: Brown Sugar Coffee Shop, 2625 Old Denton Rd, Carrollton, Texas 75007
Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 2 - 4:30 pm

In Attendance: 13

Agenda:

Introductions

Read Ten Key Values

Events/Announcements/Actions:

- Friday, September 2, 2016 from 11-1:30 pm: Peaceful Early September Uprising: "NO MORE PIPELINES-STOP DAPL" Gather at Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) Corporate Headquarters at 8111 Westchester Drive, Dallas, TX 75225
- Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 10-1 pm: Inequality Dallas: The Crisis of Food and Wages at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd, Dallas, TX 75215. Conversation and Rally.
- Monday, September 5, 2016 starting at 8:30 am: Labor Day Breakfast sponsored by the Dallas AFL-CIO at Edison's, 1724 Cockerell Avenue to kick off elections. \$30 tickets
- Saturday, September 10, 2016: House Party fund raising for Gary Stuard
- Saturday, September 17, 2016: "Thirsting for our Water Future" sponsored by the Dallas Sierra Club at the City of Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 6 pm: "The Future Must be Green" by Gary Stuard at the Congress of Colleges.
- Saturday, October 22, 2016: Texas Veggie Fair - Joy is working with organizers to get a booth/table. Paul offered to pay \$75 for this.

Actions:

- Kevin printed 500 Dallas County Green Party business cards, distributed to those in attendance and suggested we pass out 5 to someone special. Note that the Texas Green website should be <http://www.txgreens.org/>

Endorsement(s): Voting members = 5

Blanket endorsements for the following Green Party candidates: Gary Stuard, William Barr, Kevin McCormick, JC Osborn, Ona Marie Hendricks, Martina Salinas, Thom Prentice, and Jill Stein.

There were 3 objections re: Thom. Two brought forth that the state party chose not to endorse Thom due to behavior and the SEC is rejecting. One defended Thom as he has been a dedicated member and apparently someone pushed his hot button.

All candidates accepted except Thom. Motion passed with no principled objections. Candidates need to send letter to SEC by Wednesday.

Elections: Voting members = 5

Aaron proposed to fill vacancies for temporary positions. Discussion for these positions to remain in office until the next January 2017 elections.

One female Co-chair - nominated Joy Vidheecharoen

One Secretary - nominated Sheereen Ibetsam

One Treasurer needed if the party is handling funds - nominated William Barr. Discussion about holding a party position and running for office. Confirmation that he can do both.

All nominees approved unanimously.

Discussion:

- Suggests recruiting Dallas County members that live further South.
- Joy suggested using the NextDoor App for organizing and promoting the Green Party and candidates.
- Kevin coordinated with Texas Green, Don Cook-volunteer for Jill Stein campaign. They are seeking help with a flyer and pamphlet outreach at college campuses. Students at a campus should contact Kevin or Don. Kevin will be the point person with Don.
- The statewide candidates have Democratic opponents. We should consider assisting Martina's active campaign for Texas Railroad Commissioner.
- We discussed work groups and volunteers: Outreach, recruiting members, Social Media, press releases, Fund Raising. We need specific volunteers for block walking, phone banking, fund raising/donations.
- There may be a debate between the Libertarian and Green Party candidates in Gary Stuard's race.
- Reach out to Green's in Gary's house district 32. Printing costs are \$1,500 and have received \$800. Goal for campaign is \$5,000. Go to Stuard2016.com to donate; no residency requirement for making donations, entire nation can donate.

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 17 at Union Coffee on Dyer St.. Group agreed to have meetings the third Saturday of the month and determine the meeting place and facilitator.

Recorded by: Lisa Halperin
Sheereen Ibetsam, Secretary