

# **Dallas County Green Party**

## **Meeting Minutes** *(rev. 1)*

November 28, 2015

- 1. Call to Order:** Kevin McCormick called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, November 28, 2015, at the residence of Thom Prentice.
- 2. Attendance:** The following persons were present: Laura Palmer, Robert Caldwell, Nancy Gaige, Wesson Gaige, Gary Stuard, and Kevin McCormick.
- 3. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting, held April 17, 2015, were not presented.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda:** There was no formal agenda. All attendees understood the meeting to be about regrouping the Dallas County Green Party.

### **5. Meeting Items:**

**a) Introductions:** Each attendee introduced themselves.

#### **b) Topics for Regroup:**

- 1)** The state party website for the Green Party of Texas was discussed. Laura Palmer, State Co-chair, shared that she is the main person working on the state party website and she has been focused on candidates for office, updating data, and helping county party groups to form and get active. The national party has not provided much assistance. The current state of the NationBuilder state party site was discussed and a desire to improve the website was noted. It was decided that the Dallas County Green Party would make greater effort to use the NationBuilder site, especially the calendar and email of information to members and interested persons.
- 2)** The need for candidates was discussed. Thom Prentice shared his experience as a candidate for Mayor of San Marcos, TX. He did not expend any funds, but attended election events and responded to interviews and questionnaires. He noted that San Marcos now has several members of the City Council who are pro-environment and he felt that his candidacy has opened the door to show others that it was possible to be elected as a pro-environment candidate. We should place higher priority on “stuff on the ground” like door-to-door voter registration efforts.
- 3)** It was noted that December 14, 2015 is the deadline for submitting a completed “Application For Nomination By \_\_\_\_ Convention of \_\_\_\_”. (<http://sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-8f.pdf>) Candidates should complete this form and submit it to the state party. These candidates will then be considered for nomination at the county or state level conventions to be held later. The nominated candidates will be on the ballot for the November 2016 elections.
- 4)** There will be a “primer” for county chairpersons covering county

convention meetings provided by the state party.

**6. Actions:**

- (a)** A meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2015 at 2:00 pm.
- (b)** An "IT Committee" consisting of Wesson Gaige, Nancy Gaige, and Kevin McCormick was formed with a view to identify priorities for improvement and assistance in making the improvements to the website.

**7. Adjournment:** Kevin McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Kevin McCormick, 11/28/2015*