



State Meeting

Rockfish Community Center

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GPVA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 13 MAY 2017

Locals in attendance (Local Representatives): New River Valley Greens (Steve Gillespie), Lynchburg (Marcus Sutphin), Richmond (Montigue Magruder), Blue Ridge (Charlie Jordan), Fredericksburg (Sean Immanian), Hampton Roads (Bryce Davis), Fairfax (Casey White), Piedmont (Will King [standing in for Elizabeth Melson]), Central Virginia (Kimberly Arbowe – Online), Loudon (Maria Bergheim), Arlington (John Reeder – online), South Fork (Andrew Frankie), Shenandoah (Lucas Keckley).

Member Attendance: Tamar Yager, Tom Yager, Lucas Keckley (Shenandoah); Sid Smith, Marcus Sutphin (Lynchburg); Sean Immanian (Fredericksburg); Casey White, Audrey Clement (Fairfax); Maria Bergheim (Loudon); Will King, Tim Cotton (Piedmont); John Reeder, Kirit Mookerjee (Arlington); Andrew Frankie (South Fork); Montague Magruder (Richmond); Judson Abraham, Ryan Wesdock, Steven Gillespie (New River Valley); Charlie Jordan, Robert Cooper (Blue Ridge); Bryce Davis (Hampton Roads); Kimberly Arbowe (Central Virginia)

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Introduction

Sid Smith chosen as facilitator by consensus. Ryan Wesdock chosen as note taker by consensus. Sean Immanian chosen as vibes watcher by consensus. Montigue Magruder chosen as time keeper by consensus.

Agenda ratified. Minutes of last meeting confirmed, though NRV Greens add that their local report should be added to the minutes.

Official Reports

Tim Cotton discussed creation of “media force” consisting of one member of each local

Old Business

Interim Committee Decisions:

Endorsed correction of office election dates Affiliation of Lynchburg local

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Review of Website Progress:

Website (Nationbuilder – www.VAGreenParty.com) is in progress. ETA in a couple weeks at worst (Drupal site ETA in next two months). Webmaster Chris Fink added the report of the IT Committee to the minutes (Appendix A). Still to do: Website will have links to Facebook, Reddit, etc. Improved facilitation for internal party business (strategic goals, etc.). Will establish a wiki page for Drupal website. Will incorporate new member rolls. The Drupal site will contain a forum.

Review of Current Campaigns:

Jeff Staples (77th) – Absent, update given by Bryce. Created a website. Gathering ballot signatures Will King (18th) – Raised \$16,000 for the campaign against Republican candidate (and Democrat Michael Jackson). Will start canvassing next month. Close to major newspaper endorsements. Call for volunteers to push them over the edge. Gerald Anderson(88th) – Absent, update given by Sean. Moving forward, meeting resistance from “Dem Enter” shepherders and Republicans.

New Business

New Campaigns:

Montigue Magruder (69th) – Focusing on gerrymandering (nonpartisan) and helping people know that they have a voice in the House of Delegates. Increased transportation funding, better worker rights, higher minimum wage, etc. Running into issues with Richmond registrar's office. Nominated by the GPVA by consensus.

Marcus Sutphin (59th) – Founding member of Lynchburg local. Running on living wage tuned to local circumstances (cost of living adjustment), environmental justice, and single-payer healthcare. Nominated by the GPVA by consensus.

Nomination of Audrey Clement for GPUS Eco-Action Committee:

Audrey asks for re-nomination to the committee. Audrey is re-appointed by consensus. Andrew also asks to join the committee. Andrew is appointed by consensus.

Agenda Items Deferred:

The remainder of the agenda has been deferred to the Interim Committee for consideration and deliberation with the stipulation that such consideration involves the input of local representatives and any decisions of the IC are approved at the next meeting.

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The Green Party of Virginia

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