

Minutes of the Green Party of ABQ Metropolitan Area (GPAMA) - January 13, 2016

In attendance: Em Ward, Rich Yost, Michal Mudd

Call to order: 6:23 PM in the foyer of Fitz Hall.

Minutes: Previous (Dec 2015) minutes reviewed – amendments suggested and Em made motion to accept minutes with changes, Michal will make changes and send out.

No November 2015 minutes, Em will use her notes to reconstruct with Rich's help.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$5 in savings and \$60 in checking in our SACU accounts.

- 1) Em donated \$25 by check.
- 2) We discussed making a donation request to the GPAMA group. Em will cover the email list, Rich the Facebook page, Em the Website, and Michal will check to see if and how PayPal can be used on the Facebook page.
- 3) PO Box due date is Feb. 10th. Em will check the box for the bill. Michal will ask for authorization to withdraw money to pay this bill.

Old Business:

- 1) Fracking in Sandoval County - SandRidge Exploration and Drilling, the company involved has requested a zoning amendment in Rio Rancho Estates to drill and frack - a Dec. 10th, county decision is postponed to Jan. 28th. Their Staff Report is set to come out and include public statements. A suggestion was made to draft a letter to the editor of RR Observer and ABQ Journal. Em will look up Union of Concerned Scientists site for fracking info; Michal will ask colleague in geology about fracking.
- 2) Candidate Forum - Em has exchanged emails with Andrea Merida of Colorado Greens, who will host a Skype Town Hall mtg. We discussed possible moderators including Professor Powers, Martin, and Grigsby and possible media outlets like Ch.27 and Quote/Unquote if they exist. Michal will try to get in touch with W.V. Green Ruehl. Rich will look into Brasher Hall on CNM campus, Michal will look into the KIVA and check about IT needs with coworker Lee.

New Business:

- 1) 2016 Election - we have no candidate thus far for local or state office.
- 2) Discussed important dates for the election year. January 23rd is the governor's proclamation of primaries? May 10th voter registration closes before primaries.
- 3) Em will get letterhead to Rich.

Announcements:

- 1) Green Council Meeting to be held Feb. 6th at the Special Collections Library Book Room (ABQ) 1-4 pm
- 2) Our possible intern declined our offer due to too few credit hours.

Next meeting: planned for Feb 10^h at 6 pm, NE end of the UNM SUB

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm