

Minutes of the Green Party of ABO Metro Area (GPAMA) monthly meeting -
February 10, 2016 UNM SUB

In attendance: Em Ward, Rich Yost, Michal Mudd

Call to order: 7:04 PM

Minutes: Em read aloud January minutes, accepted with minor additions. Em then read the November meeting minutes compiled from her notes. These were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$5 in savings and \$85 in checking in our SAFCU accounts. PO Box bill received and passed to Michal. It was decided to renew for 6 mos. as there is no savings in longer term. Box rate is \$41.00. Consensus was reached to direct Michal to order checks from SAFCU for our account, as we are entitled to one free box. Michal will make the PO Box payment as soon as checks arrive. Em will also transfer her PO Box key to Michal so she can check for this shipment.

Green Council Report: Rich presented this in place of Chad

- a) Candidate Peace Pledge via Carol Miller presented by Marion Seymour
- b) Doña Ana Co. group showing slow progress
- c) Backlogged SoS campaign reports have been filed. May need correction of errors. We are free to file the next in March.
- d) Xubi Wilson indicated that he is willing to help supervise an intern next semester.
- e) Michal was approved to serve as representative on the national Eco-Action Committee.
- f) March & Rally Against Hate endorsement by GPNM formally approved.
- g) Incarceration/Prison reform issue was discussed.
- h) Donation button options for web site were discussed.
- i) Our GPAMA loan request to GPNM in amount of \$150 for start-up costs was withdrawn.
- j) There was a discussion of moving the GPNM post office box to ABQ to share with GPAMA as the Santa Fe cost is high.
- k) Xubi Wilson stated he may run for Santa Fe County Commission.

Old Business:

- 1) Fracking in Sandoval County - The Sandoval County Zoning Commission recommended against approval of the application for a zoning amendment by Sandridge Exploration and Production, LLC to drill and frack in Rio Rancho Estates. Recommendation goes to the County Commission where decision to be made. A letter to the editor of *RR Observer* from Rich on behalf of GPAMA was sent. We are unsure if it was published.
- 2) Candidate Debate/Forum - Em attempted to get in touch with Students Organized for Actions for Peace to ask for co-sponsorship for debate but has not heard back from them. Professor Martin offered to send our request to his list-serve. Em also spoke to an Intro to Peace Studies class to solicit help. Em was told the World Affairs Delegation may also be a possible help (they are UNM chartered and have a FB page), and she sent an email to their contact. Em sent the five GP candidates an email to let them know that we are looking at a possible March date. Rich has a contact person to look into using Smith Brasher Hall. Michal found a contact to pass along an inquiry into using the KIVA on UNM campus and will follow up with the first contact. She suggested possible use of Continuing Education Bldg. but that likely would be costly. Em reported that the Pennsylvania State Caucus included a Skype candidate forum and garnered an attendance of 45.

New Business:

- 1) 2016 Election - Xubi Wilson for SFCC is the only Green considering running at this point in time to our knowledge.
- 2) Officer elections for GPAMA will be held at next month's meeting.
- 3) March & Rally Against Hate - Feb 21st at 2 PM - Both GPNM and GPAMA were left off the latest flyer by the organizing committee. We looked on the FB page and confirmed that the e-flyer did not include us. Michal made a comment on their FB page; Em will go to Peace Center and remind them again. We need to find the exact route and make and announce plans for Greens to meet and march. Will announce by e-mail, web site, and FB.

Next meeting: planned for Saturday, March 12th at 4 pm, venue to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.