



Minutes
9 August 2017
Monthly Meeting, Erna Fergusson Library, ABQ

The meeting was called to order at 1824 with quorum present. Minutes for the July 2017 meeting were accepted as summarized.

Officer reports included Chairperson Verchinski sharing his experience at the Annual National Meeting last month. He reported that right-wing groups are forming on campuses across the country and that a countering presence is needed. He reported that there is a national Steering Committee debate over representation, that he obtained a reading list from the Women's Caucus, and that he attended a workshop on working with the media. Treasurer Ward reported funds of \$192.36. She received *approval to pay six months of box rent*. GPNM Steering Committee or Green Council will be approached about the next payment due at the end of February 2018.

Old Business reviewed included the **logo and flip-book** made for GPAMA by UNM students. Verchinski will share the products by e-mail with those in attendance. We learned that the electronic copies of the two **active petitions** are not currently available. A paper copy was provided to *Cronshaw who will re-type the petitions and send the pdf files. Kelly will count the number of signatures and continue collecting*. Regarding the **Oil & Gas Ordinance for Sandoval County (fracking)**, none of the meeting attendees were able to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting on the topic. Verchinski reported that the latest news is that Sandoval County either will move forward with a weak ordinance (lacking protections) or use well-by-well permitting.

New Business discussed included the following:

- **tabling at UNM** to raise awareness of the Green Party and encourage students to start a campus group. There was discussion of placing an ad in the *Daily Lobo*. *Ward will contact a Political Science faculty member to find out if a student group formed recently. Ward will find out the deadline for chartering a student organization. Preference was given to tabling before the deadline, preferably in August, if a group has not been chartered.*
- **State Fair participation** was debated. Sentiment favored not having a booth but marching in the parade (Saturday, September 9). *Verchinski will submit parade material and get booth information; he will share info by e-mail. Ward and Kulp will post parade info on line when available.*
- **Belén marsh clean-up** was raised as a great way to present the Green Party in Valencia County. Information regarding an organized clean-up is not finalized—expected to occur in October.

There was an open discussion during which Ward gave a summary of the IDO process in Albuquerque. There was a reminder of the Santolina hearing on August 15, 5:00 p. m., City/County Chambers. There was a brief report on the Green Council meeting in July—the new GPNM web site is anticipated soon. It was announced that Barteau, state and local Secretary, has stepped away from the Green Party.

A preference was voiced for keeping the Erna Fergusson Library as a regular meeting place for the meetings in Albuquerque. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p. m. Meeting adjourned at 1949.