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Coordinating Committee minutes, January 5, 2015

Coordinating Committee members present (13): Victoria Ashley, Marla Bernstein, David Curtis, Maxine Daniel, Gladwyn d'Souza, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Marnie Glickman, Parker Jean, Tim Laidman, Jesse Moorman, Alex Shantz, Candice Yamaguchi,

Coordinating Committee members not-present (2): Susan Chunco, Rich Zitola

Observers, Greens (invited) (1): Doug Barnett, GPCA Treasurer

Observers, other (invited) (1): Ben Grieff, Campaign Director and Spokesperson, Evolve

Quorum: Quorum reached at 7:34 pm with eleven (11) present: **Victoria Ashley, David Curtis, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Marnie Glickman, Parker Jean, Tim Laidman, Jesse Moorman, Alex Shantz, Candice Yamaguchi,**

Marla Bernstein joined call at 7:40

Gladwyn d'Souza joined call WHEN?

2) Roles

Facilitator: Alex Shantz

Minutes taker: Mike Feinstein

Time keeper: Maxine Daniel

Vibes Watcher: Tim Laidman

3) Approval of Agenda

Proposal (Shantz): Add as late item, to come before Treasurer's report - Decision: Endorsement and Advertisement of Monterey County Green Party Benefit Comedy Concert

Approved by consensus

Proposal (Laidman): Add as late item, to come before Coordinating Committee Budget and Work Plan - Decision: Proposal to Hire Kendra Gonzales for Acting Field Organizer for January and as Administrative Temp for November 2014 through January 2015 (Laidman)

In the presence of an outstanding concern (Glickman), the proposal went to a vote:

Yes: Ashley, Curtis, Daniel, Everette, Feinstein, Glickman, Jean, Laidman, Moorman, Shantz, Yamaguchi

No: Glickman

Abstain: Bernstein

Approved 10-1-1 to add to agenda (2/3 needed)

Proposal (Shantz) Approve agenda as emended

Approved by consensus

4) Approve minutes

Decision: Approve Minutes of December 5 Coordinating Committee meeting (Moorman)

Proposal (Shantz): Delay approval to Coordinating Committee retreat of January 23

Approved by consensus

5) Decision: Proposal: CC 2015 meeting calendar (Feinstein) (ten minutes)

Proposal (Feinstein): That the following calendar be adopted:

January 5 teleconference
January 23 retreat
February 2 teleconference
March 2 teleconference
April 6 teleconference
May 4 teleconference
June 2 teleconference
July 6 teleconference
August 3 teleconference
September 14 teleconference
October 5 teleconference
November 9 teleconference
December 7 teleconference

Approved by consensus

and published here www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/meetings/2015

6) Decision: Proposal to amend Monterey strategy session to include discussion of potential 2017 GPUS ANM (Feinstein and Laidman)

Proposal (Feinstein): That the following item be added to the Monterey General Assembly agenda at 5:10pm on Saturday, January 24:

Decision: Proposal to amend Monterey strategy session to include discussion of potential 2017 GPUS ANM

Subject: Discussion: Possibility of the GPCA hosting the 2017 Annual National Meeting of the Green Party of California (Coordinating Committee)

Background: California Greens have hosted several key western and national Green events since 1988 (<http://www.cagreens.org/history/conferences>), including Greening the West (1988), the first ever Green presidential convention (1996), the only two Green Officeholder Network conferences (1998 and 2003) and the founding of the GPUS (2001). With most of the Annual National Meetings (ANM) and Presidential Nomination Conventions happening in the eastern half of the U.S. since, there has been growing interest in recent years in a GPUS ANM on the West Coast.

By planning a ANM in California far in advance, the strategic goals can be identified and the benefits for the GPCA and the GPUS maximized. In addition, by 2017 it will be more clear if the Top Two system will be overturned in the courts or not, and hence what the electoral context the GPCA will be operating under.

Proposal: That the strategy brainstorming session currently scheduled from 4:30pm to 5:55pm on Saturday, January 24 on GPCA platform updates (<http://www.cagreens.org/ga/2015-01/agenda-draft-to-counties>) be bifurcated into two, in order to add a second session on the GPCA potentially hosting the GPUS 2017 ANM, and to include discussion of the following

Political goals within CA: What are the strategic benefits of a GPUS ANM for the GPCA? How can a GPUS ANM build the local and state party? How will we retain new members attracted by an ANM?

Political goals vis-a-vis the GPUS: What would be the benefit to the GPCA of having many Californians attend one of its ANMs? If an ANM is held in 2017, what are the political objectives of the ANM that year and how can California Greens help achieve them?

Workshops/Networking: What NGOs, grassroots groups do we want to use the ANM to network with? Which speakers should be there and what do we have to do to get them?

International Greens: How can we ensure a truly strong international Green presence and what do we want to do with it - do we want to tour them around before/after to build the party?

Media: Do we want a C-SPAN focus at the ANM?

Approved by consensus at 8:31

7) Appointments: Fundraising Committee and Clearinghouse Committee

Appointment: Maxine Daniel to Clearinghouse Committee, contingent upon receiving email of intent during call

Approved by consensus

Appointment: David Curtis to Clearinghouse Committee, contingent upon receiving email of intent during call

Approved by consensus

At this point, item #11 below was heard because the invited guest joined the call at this time

8) Decision: Proposal to Hire Kendra Gonzales for Acting Field Organizer for January and as Administrative Temp for November 2014 through January 2015 (Laidman)

Proposal (Laidman): That the CC approve the hiring of Kendra Gonzales for the position of Administrative Temp, retroactively for the 3 month period beginning in November 2014 and ending at the end of January 2015. And further that the CC direct the Personnel Committee to draft a contract for Kendra for this position for her approval as soon as possible but not later than January 15th.

Amendment (Feinstein): "That on a one time basis, acting upon the authority the General Assembly gave to the Coordinating Committee to conduct Personnel Policy and in lieu of the authority it has delegated to the Personnel Committee in the Personnel Policy, the Coordinating Committee retroactively approve the hiring of Kendra Gonzales for the independent contractor position of Administrative Temp, for the 3 month period beginning in November 2014 and ending at the end of January 2015, at \$300/month" and that this text be deleted from the proposal "And further that the CC direct the Personnel Committee to draft a contract for Kendra Gonzalez for this position for her approval as soon as possible but not later than January 15th."

Laidman accepted the additional text but not the deletion, resulting in the following amended motion:

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In the presence of outstanding concerns (Feinstein), the proposal went to a vote:

Yes (2): Ashley, Laidman,

No (7): Bernstein, Curtis, Daniel, Feinstein, Glickman, Jean, Shantz,

Abstain (1): Everettte

Not Voting (2): Moorman, Yamaguchi (dropped off of call)

Proposal not approved 2-7-1 at 8:57

Proposal (Laidman): Proposal (Laidman): That on a one time basis, acting upon the authority the General Assembly gave to the Coordinating Committee to conduct Personnel Policy and in lieu of the authority it has delegated to the Personnel Committee in the Personnel Policy, the Coordinating Committee retroactively approve the hiring of Kendra Gonzales for the independent contractor position of Administrative Temp, for the 3 month period beginning in November 2014 and ending at the end of January 2015, at \$300/month.

In the presence of an outstanding concern (Glickman), the proposal went to a vote:

Yes (10): Ashley, Bernstein, Curtis, Daniel, Everette, Feinstein, Jean, Laidman, Moorman, Shantz,

No (1): Glickman,

Abstain (1): D'Souza

Proposal approved 10-1-1 at 9:08

At this point, the following proposal was turned into a discussion item by Laidman

Discussion: That the CC approve the hiring of Kendra Gonzales for the position of Acting Field Organizer for the month of January 2015. And further that the CC direct the Personnel Committee to draft a contract for Kendra for this position for her approval as soon as possible but not later than January 15th.

9) Discussion: Coordinating Committee Budget and Work Plan (Laidman)

Background: This item is to begin to get input on these items, which will be approved at the CC's January retreat

Was this item not heard owing to time constraints?

10) Discussion: Report back from meeting with Santa Clara Greens about hosting June GA. Concerns to be addressed though generally approved in principle (Everette)

Was this item not heard owing to time constraints?

This item was heard out of order before #8 because the invited guest called in at that time

11) Discussion: Presentation from Evolve about Campaign to Reform Prop 13 (Shantz)

Ben Grieff, Evolve's Campaign Director and Spokesperson, provided the Coordinating Committee with a presentation and answered questions about about Evolve, the prop 13 reform campaign, and ways GPCA could help the campaign to reform prop

13. <http://www.evolve-ca.org/>

12) Decision: Endorsement and Advertisement of Monterey County Green Party Benefit Comedy Concert (10 minutes) (Shantz)

Proposal (Shantz): That the Green Party of California Coordinating Committee endorse the Monterey County Green Party Benefit Comedy Concert and publicize it by posting it on social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.), post it information on the GPCA web site at

<http://www.cagreens.org/ga/2015-01>, and include information about the concert in further emails about the GA sent to our members.

Was a decision taken on this proposal?

13) Report: Treasurer (Barnett)

Was this presentation or not heard owing to time constraints?

14) Report: Committees (20 minutes)

Were these presentations made or not heard owing to time constraints?

- A) Bylaws (Ashley)
 - B) Clearinghouse (Feinstein)
 - C) Finance (Chunco)
 - D) Media (Everette)
 - E) Platform (Glickman)
 - F) Information Technology Committee (Laidman)
 - G) Campaign Fund Support Committee
 - E) Fundraising Committee
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13) Report: Working Groups (15 minutes)

Were these presentations made or not heard owing to time constraints?

- Campaigns and Candidates (Moorman)
 - Electoral Reform (Jean)
 - Green Issues (Moorman)
 - Grassroots Organizing (Shantz)
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