



# **Green Party of Whatcom County**

**Whatcom County, Washington USA**

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## **Meeting Notes – Feb 16, 2017**

Interim Facilitator – Stoney Bird.

Interim Secretary – Scott Thompson

Formal meeting start time 7:00 PM

### **Roll Call**

Present: approximately 19 attendees

### **Review Agenda & call for additional items**

It was suggested to add Elections of the Coordinating Council, and to determine whether the existing Listserve system remains the best tool for our communications.

### **Approve minutes from last meeting**

Approving the minutes from December's meeting was overlooked in January, but the December and January minutes were both approved at this meeting.

### **Treasurer's report – Susan Scanga**

Current balance was approximately \$405 as of this meeting date. A hat was passed around the group for additional donations to the treasury, which resulted in an additional \$63 to be added.

### **Committee/Initiative reports & plans**

- Amy Glasser presented her platform and motivation for running for County Council in the new Whatcom District 2. Amy has been closely involved with the effort to challenge the Gateway Pacific Terminal. She has a background in Social Work and adamantly believes that a large new jail for the county would misplace our resources, which would be better used to improve mental health and fight drug addiction.
- Jon Shaughnessy introduced the work of “Friends of Climate Care”, of which he is a member. The Climate Care group should generally have close alignment with concerns of the Green Party, making this group a potential partner for future events. Their first goal is to impeach Trump in an effort to reduce the new administration’s relaxation of environmental laws.
- March’s public outreach event will be at the Pickford showing of “We the People 2.0” on March 16<sup>th</sup>, when GPOWC will have an information table. Since this day and time would have been our regular, monthly GPOWC meeting, the full GPOWC meeting for March will be on March 9<sup>th</sup>, between 7-8 PM in the ReSources Library room. April’s regular meeting will return to the normal, third Thursday of each month.

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- Stoney has been working with WWU to develop a political database for Whatcom County. This project is called “Hive” and will help identify likely voters in geographical areas for targeting various political efforts. Stoney has agreed to fund the costs of the Beta development phase, which should begin in the next month.
- Scott is working on the GPOWC Earth Day event to be held on April 22. Jim Peterson and Lizzie agreed to help with this event.

### Actions Taken

- It was determined that the older Listserve system will be discontinued, now that we are using our Facebook group page for discussions.
- An election was held to formally approve the addition of seven Coordinating Council Members. Four members were elected to the beginning of Two-year terms:
  - Elizabeth Anthony
  - Stoney Bird
  - Doug Gustafson
  - Scott ThompsonThree members were elected to start at the mid-point of a two-year term, keeping them eligible for two additional full Two-year terms:
  - Dana Lynn Carr
  - Susan Scanga
  - Chanan SuarezThese seven new CC members join Jim Peterson, who was elected to the Coordinating Council on November 17, 2016.
- Susan Scanga will continue her role of GPOWC Treasurer. Dana Carr was approved to assume the duties of Assistant Treasurer, which will require authorization to access the GPOWC account at WECU.

### Upcoming Events

- We The People 2.0 showing at the Pickford on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, followed by Q&A. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.tugg.com](http://www.tugg.com)
- Green Party of Washington, Spring Gathering, April 8, 12-5 PM at Razzi’s Pizzeria
- GPOWC Earth Day event, April 22
- Mother’s Day for Peace march, May 13
- Wellstone Campaign School May 19-21.

### Miscellaneous business

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#### **Next full Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the ReSources Library Room on Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Thompson  
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