



Green Party of Whatcom County

Whatcom County, Washington USA

Meeting Notes - September 15, 2016

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Interim Facilitator – Scott Thompson (Scott4Greens@gmail.com).

Interim Secretary – Stoney Bird (sjbird@centurylink.net)

Formal meeting start time 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: approximately 17 attendees, including Rheanna Johnston

Review Agenda & call for additional items

No items were added to this meeting's agenda.

Approve notes from last meeting

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved following a corrected Treasury balance of \$158.76 as of last month.

Treasurer's report – Susan Scanga

Current balance was approximately \$xxx at the start of the meeting. \$xx was added to the treasury during the meeting from new memberships and supplemental donations.

Committee/Initiative reports & plans

Interim Membership Coordinator – Adam Oberstadt

Adam is maintaining the database for the Whatcom County Greens and the local Facebook page.

Adam's contact email is OberstadtA@gmail.com

Green Party and Socialist Alternative Picnic – TBD

A proposed a picnic event for the group is still being considered. Considering the busy activity during the build-up to the election, this may become a celebratory event post-election.

Sign Painting – Ruth Hesse

Ruth volunteered her talent in graphics to paint larger signs for Jill Stein. Ruth may be contacted at rihesse.lmp@gmail.com

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Actions Taken

1. Following a presentation on **Initiative 732** by Rheanna Johnston, which seeks to reduce carbon based energy emissions, the members voted to endorse this initiative.
2. **Initiative 735**, which resolves to support a constitutional amendment better defining "People", was discussed by Marian Beddill. The members also voted to endorse this initiative.
3. Jim Peterson proposed a resolution supporting the **Standing Rock** Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes in their fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline, concurrent with the recent resolution approved by the City of Bellingham. The members voted to endorse this Resolution.

Upcoming Events

- **Tabling at Bellingham Farmer's Market – Karen Weill Coordinating**
Karen will be running the Saturday Farmer's Market tabling activities, including scheduling volunteers for the Saturday events through the election. Volunteers are requested to contact Karen via email at KarenWeill@earthlink.net or just show up to show support.
- **Honk for Jill – Jim Peterson Coordinating**
Jim is gathering folks at Holly and Railroad Street every Wednesday between 12 and 1PM with Jill Stein signs for his Honk for Jill gathering. Jim can be contacted at Radical542011@yahoo.com
- **Light Brigade Overpass Bannering – Jim Peterson Coordinating**
The LED lighted Jill Stein sign will be at the Sunset Drive I-5 overpass on Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 PM. Jim gathers participants shortly beforehand at the Panda Express parking lot.

Note that we also now have our 3' X 8' Jill Stein banner, which is available for daytime use. Please contact Scott or Jim if you'd like to do daytime bannering.

- **Crisis of Capitalism – Socialist Alternative event**
On Tuesday, October 4, the Socialist Alternative students at WWU will be hosting a Greek Leader of the Socialist Movement to discuss how to mobilize for a better world that values people over profits. This event takes place in the WWU Communications Facility 110 between 6 and 8 PM. More information can be found on the facebook page for Socialist Alternative Bellingham & Whatcom.

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- **Doorbelling**

Stoney invited those present to help with doorbelling leading up to the election. He said that he had frequent voter walking lists from his campaign for Charter Review Commission in 2014. They should be largely up-to-date. Scott, Jim Demko, Karen Weill and Lynne Lohr all said that they would help out.

Since the meeting, Stoney has worked out a plan to have organized sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings until the election. The details are in the attached schedule. The big sessions are on Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, October 22 (just before and just after the ballots are mailed out) and on Saturday, November 5 (before the Election Day, the following Tuesday).

Miscellaneous business

There are no volunteers yet for Secretary, whose primary duties are the monthly meeting notes. (Subsequently, Stoney Bird volunteered to be Secretary.)

Jim Peterson and Doug Gustafson suggested that more buttons and signs are printed by our local, in lieu of relying on materials from the State Greens. It was suggested that they submit a proposal for vote by the members.

Next full Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the same ReSources Meeting Room on Thursday October 20. We will again start at 6:30 PM for an informal gathering then roll into the formal meeting from 7:00 until 8:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Thompson

Stoney Bird

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