

Greater Milwaukee Green Party Meeting 12/9/17

Bay View Library
Business Meeting

convene: 10:34 am

11 in attendance

1. Co-chair reports – Greg, Barb M
WGP brochures ordered (75). Series of co-chair meetings with committee chairs. Ongoing contacts and involvement with NORML and Rid Racism, the latter unable to provide speaker for this month's meeting as planned. Prospects for GMGP fundraiser either at Linneman's or Suburban Bourbon. January GMGP meeting will feature officer and committee chair elections. Election Committee still not fully functional.
2. Secretary/Treasurer reports – Bill, Barb E
October GMGP meeting minutes approved. (No GMGP minutes taken at November meeting held at Muskego state gathering.) \$1189.49 in checking; approximately \$400 in savings. Only three completed GMGP membership forms on file.
3. Committee Reports
*Membership – Patty
Working on new members kits; plan to send dues renewal notices. Tom assisting with database.
Discussion: best ways to collect dues and maintain record of collections.
*Social Media/Communications – Tom
Still working on finalizing GMGP webpage. See webpage for report on fall gathering and November activities. Discussion (with consensus agreement) on purpose/role of web page: GMGP will have "traditional" web page serving educational goals (what we stand for, etc.). Other two GMGP media will be interactive: googlegroups (internal interactive), Facebook (external interactive). Need web page link to Facebook page.
4. Assessment of short-term goals:
1) Black/Brown Lives Matter – need to move some meetings to libraries closer to Black community; plans for Juneteenth Day table; greater involvement in mass incarceration and labor issues. March 17th will be International Day of Protest Against Fascism and Racism; 2) Decriminalization – NORML speaker at state gathering; 3) Immigrant Rights – need to initiate work with *Voces*. GMGP work in this important area has fallen short.
5. Education – ideas discussed: Impeachment (Jan); Climate Justice (Feb); WI Conservation Congress (March)
6. WGP Campaign School in Milwaukee in late Jan 2018. Tomas, Greg, Josh, Molly, Tom & George to make up committee to work on school. George offers home for committee meeting.

General Meeting

convene 11:39am

14 in attendance

1. Introductions – new attendees.
2. Team-building handout – Greg
3. Movement Reports: 3 GMGP members participate in local "Net Neutrality" action, one of 700 nationwide; issue explained. "Grad tax" protest today; two GMGP members plan to attend. Community Brainstorming: Tom and Greg continue to represent GMGP.
Motion (Bill): GMGP endorse Labor Against Fascism/Racism December 11th protest. *All for.*
Motion (Greg): Mike M to serve as GMGP Media Liaison. *All for.*
Motion (George): GMGP to call for Trump Impeachment. *Tabled* to next month.
Motion (Barb): post WCC info on GMGP FB page. *All for.*
Discussion: Need update on anti-wildlife bills pending in state legislature. December 19th mass incarceration protest; Co-chairs will approve announcements for Webpage.
4. Report on committee work at national level – George.
5. How to Implement "Economic Bill of Rights" (from October educational presentation by Mike)
Discussion: supporting labor, "Fight for 15," "Medicare for All"; criteria for coalition work vs. building Green Party: working with Our Revolution, DSA, IWW, other local activist groups around common issues/concerns.
6. Next meeting – January 13th, Bay View Library.

Collection: \$42.

Adjourn: 12:38 pm.

