

GPNJ statewide meeting June 24, 2017
Lawrenceville branch of Mercer County Library, 1 pm

Introductions - name, pronouns, county, best thing that happened this week

Members present - Heather Warburton, Mike Mangels, Aaron Hyndman, Denise Brush, Brian Powers, Kim Meudt online, Laura Genna, Jake Jones, Tom Violet, Tom Cannavo online, Diane Moxley, Lael Bratton, Justin Warburton, Barry Bendar, Debra Sousa-Oliviera, Theo Williams, Phil Charles, Sean Stratton, Victoria Tredinnick, Steve Welzer, Rich Fuller online.

Committee Reports -

Treasurer - Heather Warburton reported for Al Clayton. GPNJ began June with a balance of \$15,682.06. We had contributions of \$902.02 and expenditures of \$449.15, making our current balance \$16,134.93.

Policy - Committee chair Gerald Martin is away. Mike Mangels reported that the committee is working on the last section of platform. We should be done voting and ready to present the updated platform for a vote to GPNJ by the July meeting.

Elections - Aaron Hyndman (see report at end of these minutes)

GPUS Committee Report discussion - Mike Mangels

We need to recruit people for GPUS committees! Which are: Accreditation, Animal Rights, ANM Planning, Ballot Access, Bylaws, Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC), Dispute Resolution, Diversity, Eco-Action, Finance, Fundraising, Green Pages, International, Media, Merchandising, Outreach, Platform, Presidential Campaign Support. Your obligation would be to provide monthly reports to the Green Council on what is happening on your committee. GC should send out a list of the current national committee vacancies to the GPNJ listserve - Mike volunteered.

Finance - not really active...Heather is going to call a meeting soon, needs more members.

Communications - Laura Genna described the committee's many activities including social media, press releases such as the one today on reparations, coordinating 30 seconds for Seth videos, new Instagram page, WordPress website. There was a discussion about possibly doing podcasts. Theo Williams (Burlington County) has access to a broadcasting studio. His friend Phil Charles has a radio show focused on legalization of cannabis and proposed a media partnership with GPNJ.

Membership - Brian Powers explained that local liaisons from 12 counties meet online weekly as part of the Green Council. There are three regional membership coordinators: Theresa Markila is northern coordinator, Debra Sousa-Oliviera has been organizing the middle of the state. Brian will be reclassifying Ocean County as part of the southern region since Barry Bendar volunteered to coordinate it. Action Network growth is how Brian keeps score on membership. There has only been 1.5% list growth since last meeting. He reiterated the need for campaign sign-up sheets to ask for emails as well as other contact information, and then remember to upload the data! There's a way to upload the data from Excel into Action Network.

State Caucuses -

Black Caucus - Jake Jones is the chair, with 7 members currently. They are working on building coalitions with other groups such as Black Lives Matter. Jim Brash from the Black Caucus is representing GPNJ today at the Reparations March. The caucus is also hoping to get involved in community service projects. Gary Frazier is hosting a BBQ at his house tomorrow in Camden. Theo tried to organize a celebration for Juneteenth but didn't have enough time this year. He and Jake will talk. T-shirt project - they are selling them but looking for other avenues such as general sites that will sell various t-shirt designs. They did sell some at the April meeting but are thinking maybe \$25 is too high a price. Also Jim is working on a panel event for the ANM.

Lavender Caucus - Laura Genna reported that they tabled at the June 4 Asbury Pride event, and will be in Jersey City at a Pride event in August. They are working on getting a bank account and networking with other LGBTQ organizations in NJ.

Announcements -

Diane Moxley is the local contact for the GPUS Annual National Meeting which will be in Newark this year (July 13 - 16). She reports that they need volunteers for every day, 4 shifts/day, 2 people per shift. This is primarily for staffing the registration and merchandise tables. **Tell Diane if you're interested.** Also they need drivers to pick up people at the Newark airport (Wed/Thu) and back (Sun pm). GPUS is looking for a local media contact who would work with NJIT (where the meeting is being held) to help with technology. Diane said that if you haven't registered yet, please do. The deadline for signing up for housing is June 30.

Open Comments -

Steve reminded us that Seth needs to choose a running mate in the next couple of weeks. So we should know who it is by the Annual National Meeting.

There was a short break and then we reconvened for the special bylaws convention.

Bylaws Special Convention -

Instructions: presenter reads proposal, has 3 minutes to speak in favor, then 5 minutes for informal caucuses (for/against). Each speaker (two per side) gets 1 minute for their side.

Amendment 1 - Julie Saporito-Acuna (presented by Mike Mangels)

Mandate membership dues (no longer either register or pay) and increase amount to \$36.

Friendly amendment from Justin - remove clause about hardship, just say potential members can request a waiver from Membership Committee. In other words, no questions asked.

Speakers for - Theo, Heather, speakers against - Aaron and Lael

Amendment 2 - Julie Saporito-Acuna (presented by Denise Brush)

No elected party official can be officially affiliated with any corporate party or endorse a corporate party candidate.

Friendly amendment - add "or officer" to party official

Speakers for - Mike, Laura, speakers against - Theo, Steve

Amendment 3 - Ahmed Eltouney (Theresa Markila was going to present but wasn't here)
This amendment dealt with the Ballot Slogan.
No one volunteered to speak in favor. It will still be voted on online though.

Amendment 4 - Al Clayton (presented by Barry Bendar)
Clarifies the responsibilities of the GPNJ Treasurer, adds a Deputy Treasurer role, adds a procedure in case of vacancy.
Mike moved that we skip the caucus period, everyone agreed. Amendment will be entered on the ballot as written.

Amendment 5 - Laura Genna (presented by Laura Genna)
Recognize caucuses and campus Greens as a form of local affiliates.
Lael moved that we skip the caucus period, everyone agreed. Amendment will be entered on the ballot as written.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.
Minutes submitted by Denise Brush, Secretary, GPNJ

*Speakers for and against the various amendments were asked to provide their email addresses to the secretary so Justin could ask them to prepare a 150 word summary to go out with the online ballot.

Elections Committee Report - Aaron Hyndman

- I. Elections Committee Status and Reorganization**
 - a. Temporary re-organization as an ad-hoc committee through November**
 - b. Will oversee coordinated campaign efforts**
 - c. Will be led by Co-Chair Liaison and 2 interim officers**
 - d. Will consist of 2 representatives from each campaign and 12 At-Large GPNJ members not affiliated with a particular campaign**
 - e. Formal reorganization will take place in November**
 - f. Committee Officer Elections will happen in December**

- II. Statewide Candidates Report**
 - . 1 Gubernatorial Candidate, 1 Senate Candidate, and 4 Assembly Candidates will have the GPNJ line, in addition to Freeholder Candidates in Atlantic and Ocean**
 - a. Personal Financial Disclosure Form due last week for statewide candidates**

- III. Kaper-Dale Campaign Update**
 - . Events: Across the state almost every day, including high-visibility Healthcare event, GNN Interview with Ajamu Baraka, upcoming interview with Jill Stein**
 - a. Promotional materials: Doorhangers are in!**
 - b. 900 in 90 (900 events in 90 days!)**
 - i. Started June 15, ongoing for 90 days**
 - ii. Updates at kaperdaleforgovernor.com**

c. Treasurer Report

- . **Fundraising: major contribution (\$2500) earmarked for 900 in 90 campaign**
- i. **ELEC Compliance: issues need to be sorted out, we're in the process of setting precedent**

In solidarity,
Aaron Hyndman
Co-Chair Elections Liaison