

FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING MINUTES 4/24/2019

In attendance: Sean Imanian, Chair

Chris Fink, Webmaster Garrett Brown Payton Lee Robert Rose Lucian Laurie Asa Lem

1. Food Program

- Voted to make this a new FGP committee, with its own meeting schedule. Sean will chair this committee until upcoming FGP officer elections (July).
- Need to go back to churches to promote.
- Meet up at local farmer's markets early (7am) Saturdays to solicit food donations.

2. Green Book Group

- Permanent schedule/venue TBA
- 3. **Spotsy Solar Power** : Board vote was yes!
- 4. Meeting Minutes : Still need minutes posted for November's meeting (SI).

5. Speaker event at Library July 14 (1pm - 5:30pm):

- Format: Alternating reception, then speaker, etc., as time permits.
- Sid Smith (GPVA Secretary) agreed to speak.
- CF sent speaking invitations to a number of progressive UMW student organizations; heard back from one but nothing definite yet.
- Each speaker must send in a short bio and summary of their speech.
- CF will write FGP introduction.
- Need all (>=2) speakers confirmed & vetted by next FGP meeting, or we cancel.

6. Platform & Promo updates

- CF will update FGP platform
- Garrett will write up a summary of FGP/GP platform & what we do locally, for use in future outreach, donor solicitation, etc.
- 7. **Solutions for Climate Change** : Payton attended an event hosted by Fossil-Free Fredericksburg, and will submit summary report to fgp-chat list.
 - 100% renewable by 2050
 - Carbon dividend act
 - UMW, Sierra Club, sPower, Sunrise Committee were all present
 - Also see www.TheClimateMobilization.org

8. Homelessness Action

- Urge city to set aside zones for use by homeless, though goal of many local associated organizations is permanent public structures.
- Garrett will summarize for next meeting

9. FGP Financial Picture

- Current balance \$261, with \$11/month in recurring monthly donations, and \$120/year in other recurring donations.
- Need to start enforcing dues, but first need to amend (lower) dues amount requirement.
- Please contribute!
- Discussed proposal to budget some funds to providing \$1.25 bus ride tickets between homeless shelters and our meal program.

10. Candidate for City Council : Christian Zammas (Katora Coffee owner)

- Intends to announce in May & would like our endorsement
- Agreed to ask him to sign our platform, and possibly endorse after he declares.
- However, we would like written summary of his main platform points, e.g. specific proposals he would advance.

11. FGP Officer Elections (July meeting)

- <u>Bylaws</u> contains description of the main offices, but we also have committee chairs.
- \circ $\;$ Sean will post complete list of offices to be voted on.

12. New Proposals

- Earth Day flyer distribution at Old Mill Park, Sat. 4/27 11am.
- F'burg or Spotsy resolution to ban use of neonicotinoids & sulfoxaflor, to reduce toxins in bee populations.
- FGP Labor Committee -- Approved, with Sean as chair until officer elections held in July.

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