

FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING MINUTES 6/27/2018

In attendance: Sean Imanian, Chair

Gerald Anderson, Treasurer Chris Fink, Webmaster

1. Green Picnic

- 1.1. New date has been set as Sept. 9th, 3-7pm. Estimate: 20-25 people. GA will reserve space.
- 1.2. Posters: Updated ones needed by Aug 9 (CF). CF will post at Hyperion, UMW, Dorothy Hart, Picker's Supply, Corky's, Old Mill Park, Visitor Center. Sean will post at Caroline St. restaurants. Gerald will post at Salem Church library, England Run library, Germanna in Massaponax. Gerald will also promote with members of Virginia Organizing and Sierra Club. Posting to take place by Aug 11.
- 1.3. CF will bring recyclable cups/plates/etc, and will bring big bag for recyclables.
- 1.4. CF will post event on our website.
- 1.5. Sean will coordinate food.
- 1.6. Sean will ask other organizations (Union organizers, Native American, LGBT+, Small Businesses) if they would like to set up a table.
- 2. **Projects**: Spreadsheet ratings Results (only top 3 officially approved for pursuing):
 - Clean Government Act (6.23): CF will write up goals and step-by-step tasks by next meeting.
 - Electoral Reform / Ranked Choice (6.20): GA will write up goals and step-by-step tasks by next meeting.
 - Food Program (5.65): SI will write up goals and step-by-step tasks by next meeting.
 - Caroline Water (5.28): SI to investigate status further. Sean and Chris are planning on doing some door knocking in Caroline county to see if the water price and contamination issues have been resolved.
 - Stafford Teachers (5.15)
 - Green Newspaper (5.00)
 - Brisben Center (4.51)

3. Local News Discussion

Sean mentioned the latest Supreme Court decision hurting unions and the UN condemning the United States for its allowing Mississippi and Alabama to have extremely high poverty rates. Gerald discussed work on affordable housing in the city, the swearing in of Jason Graham as a new councilor in Fredericksburg, and the rise of evictions both locally and in the state. Richmond is #2 in the United States. Suggested we begin talks with Legal Aid to see if the Green Party might be able to work to reduce or eliminate the eviction rates.

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