

FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING MINUTES 2/27/2019

In attendance: Sean Imanian, Chair Chris Fink, Webmaster Gerald Anderson, Treasurer Garrett Brown

1. Food Program

- Needs: Plates, iced tea, sweatpants, apples & other convenient fruit & vegetables, volunteers
- Stuff to remember: Flyers, FGP brochures, donation jar, trash bags, milk/creamer.
- Sean to look into bringing in leftover food from his job.
- Encourage volunteers to bring in their own food.
- Consider soliciting leftover food from Farmers' Markets and local butcher, the day before food programs.
- Vote to hold food program every Sunday: 2 Yes, 2 Abstain. Motion passed.

2. Green Book Group

- Going well, but Sean needs to know by March 8 whether Tuesdays 7pm will continue to be good for participants.
- Next book discussion : March 19 at Katora
- Next newspaper discussion: March 26 at Katora
- Documentary showings at Joanna's starting April 23.
- 3. **Spotsy Solar Power** : CF and GA attended meeting hosted by sPower to learn about the project. Both asked questions, and seem to be generally in favor. Spotsy board met 2/26 to hear from constituents, but a final decision is not expected until the end of March.
- 4. **FGP Domain name**: Shortened to *fgp.vagreenparty.org* to be consistent with other GPVA locals, but old domain is kept as a redirect for 1 year or until flyers/banners are updated, whichever comes first.
- 5. **Meeting Minutes** : Still need minutes posted for November's meeting (SI).

6. Speaker events at Library:

- Format: Alternating reception, then speaker, etc., as time permits.
- April 7 (4pm-9pm) : Sean reports choice of speakers contacted as:
 - -- International Socialist Organization speaking about either Palestinian Solidarity or Indigenous Rights, from a socialist perspective
 - -- Audrey Clement (GPUS EcoAction Committee) on the Green New Deal
- July 14 (1pm-5:30pm). One possible speaker identified as Sid Smith (GPVA Secretary). Best case would be Sid on July 14th if FGP is chosen to host Summer GPVA business meeting.
- No speakers confirmed yet. Deadline to confirm April 7th speaker and produce flyers is March 10th, or we will have to cancel April 7th.
- Other venues (e.g. UMW) should be looked at in case the above falls through.

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7. Canvassing:

- To drop off flyers for food program, speaker events, and FGP in general.
- Done in teams, which Sean will organize
- Dates: March 4,6,8,9,11,13,15,16,18.
- Approved by consensus.
- A number of potential drop-off locations identified:
 - UMW
 - Small businesses downtown
 - Wellington Woods Apartments
 - Townsend Square Apartments
 - Kendalwood Apartments
 - Colonial Village at Greenbrier
 - The Commons at Cowan Boulevard Apartments
 - Residences at Belmont
 - Manshue Check & Cash
 - Mayfield Civic Association
 - Village at England Run
 - Manor at England Run
 - Magnolia Falls
 - Stafford Lakes Apartments
 - Meadows Park, Inc.
 - Patawomeck Indian Tribe of VA
 - Meditation Rock
- 8. **Candidate for City Council** : Christian Zammas
 - Owner of Katora would like our support
 - Wants to meet to discuss policy and our endorsement
 - Intends to announce in May
 - FGP members should email their questions to Sean (<u>chair@fgp.vagreenparty.org</u>) for compilation.
- 9. **Social Days** : FGP will meet March 24 for a river hike / cleanup effort.

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