



## FREDERICKSBURG GREEN PARTY MEETING MINUTES 5/23/2019

**In attendance:** Sean Imanian, Chair  
Chris Fink, Webmaster  
Gerald Anderson, Treasurer  
Lucian Laurie  
Asa Lem  
Aidan Poteet

### 1. Food Program Committee Report

- Regular conference calls Mondays 8pm .
- Sean & Robert volunteer to go back to churches to promote. (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays)
- Farmer's Market food solicitations: Stafford (Joanna), Spotsy (Sean)
- Lou : Pick up meat from Katora -- Make chili
- Garrett: Pick up meat from downtown butcher
- Joanna : Bug repellent (to be reimbursed)
- Sean : OTC meds (aspirin, etc.)
- 5/26/19: Lou on food, Robert on drinks, Garrett on logistics, Joanna on photos, Sean on FGP promo.
- Meghann from MICAH will be visiting and may put us on their calendar.
- Need new flyers and storage space (CF to contact Eyeclopes)
- Gerald will forward his poster template to CF

### 2. Labor Committee Report

- Needs mailing list & webpage (CF)
- Support "Worker's Center" local non-profit
- Committee will forward Worker's Center contact info to interested people at meal program.
- Committee members will attend quarterly meetings of local unions to see what FGP can do to help.

### 3. Green Book Group

- Lou is chairperson
- Group re-starts in August. Will start at the beginning of Subterranean Fire.
- Schedule TBA.
- Sean to forward Lou the list of interested people.

### 4. 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 -- Received his summary today.
- Tina Rockett (GPVA Chair) also agreed to speak -- CF to confirm & get summary.

- Sean will be reaching out to Howie Hawkins to see if he wants to participate.
  - CF sent speaking invitations to a number of progressive UMW student organizations, but nothing definite yet.
  - Each speaker must send in a short bio and summary of their speech.
  - CF will write FGP introduction.
  - Will need a poster, flyers, and promo volunteers
5. **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.
6. **Dues Proposal**
- Sean suggests a 2/2/2 plan (\$2 each to local, state and national parties), with amount increasing with income level.
  - CF reminds group that we can make a distinction between “Voting Members” and mere “Subscribers”.
  - General consensus that active Committee members should not have to pay \$\$\$ to be a voting member.
  - Sean to put proposal up on Google Docs for people to edit & consense on proposal wording, with discussion to be held on fgp-chat mailing list.
7. **Candidate for City Council** : Christian Zammass (Katora Coffee owner)
- Dropped plan to endorse, however we will still be helping with campaign.
8. **Anti-Iran-War Protests**
- Proposed that we start a protest outside the home of a local U.S. representative, & call for congress to reclaim its powers under the War Powers Act.
  - Discussion about working with other groups (e.g. Dems), but concerns that we would get lost in the mix.
  - Sean will see if the GPUS Peace Action Committee is planning anything.
9. **Pro-Choice Protests**
- Proposed that we protest to prevent anti-choice bills from coming before VA state legislature.
  - Concerns that it may be too early for this, and that we are already swamped with actions.
10. **FGP Officer Elections (July meeting)**
- [Bylaws](#) contains description of the main offices, but we also have committee chairs.
  - Sean & CF to post complete list of offices to be voted on, with descriptions.
  - Members encouraged to nominate themselves for offices, by email to [chair@fgp.vagreenparty.org](mailto:chair@fgp.vagreenparty.org) .
11. **Caroline County Bus Service**
- Residents want our help with petitioning & submission to transit board.
  - Concerns that we need to show it will be financially viable, and/or show how to pay for it.
  - Statistics: ~17,000 riders per year in Caroline?