



Green Party of Maricopa County (GPMC) General Membership meeting
Glendale Community College—Humanities Bldg., Room 102
6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale, AZ
Saturday, April 30, 2005—12:45pm to 4:00pm

Tentative agenda

12:45pm: Arrival & introductions

12:55pm: Role assignment & review of facilitation process—facilitator, note taker, timekeeper, vibes watcher and stacker (Angel)

1:00pm: Review/approval of agenda and set/adjust times

1:05pm: Herstory/history of GPMC/Arizona Green Party (AZGP)—orientation for new members (Richard)

1:15pm: Review of minutes from last GPMC meeting (Feb. 26th) and GPMC Potluck on Mar. 20th (Angel)

1:20pm: Events/announcements—Boycott Arizona (May 1st); Phoenix Green Party Meet-Up (May 7th); Steven Hill in Tucson (May 7th); World Fair Trade Day (May 14th); AZGP State Meeting in Flagstaff (May 21st); etc.

Committee, task force & caucus reports

1:30pm: Co-chair report (Joan & Angel)

1:35pm: Treasurer's report (Angel)

1:40pm: Database/Technology/Website (Richard & Trevor)—suggestions for website?

1:45pm: GPMC Newsletter (Trevor & Angel)—ideas for articles, volunteers?

1:55pm: Membership Outreach (Regina & Angel)

2:00pm: Youth Caucus (Jose)

2:05pm: Fundraising/GPMC "\$1/month" Campaign (Angel)

2:15pm: Nominations for 2005-06 GPMC county officers (Secretary & Treasurer); election/affirmation (Joan)

2:30pm: Break

2:40pm: GPMC "Flow Chart"—officers and Steering Committee members; coordinators of committees, task forces, caucuses & working groups (Joan & Lare)

2:50pm: Review of GPMC 2005-06 goals—April 2005 proposed revision (Angel)

3:05pm: Planning a Campaign—Goals, tactics & strategy (Angel)

3:45pm: Parking lot/other announcements/next meetings

- GPMC Steering Committee meeting (proposed); Saturday, May 14th, 2005—5:00pm to 7:00pm?
- AZGP State meeting, Saturday, May 21st—Noon to 5:00pm, Flagstaff City Library
- GPMC General Membership meeting, Saturday, June 4th, 2005—12:45pm to 4:00pm, Arizona State University (ASU) Main, Tempe (tentative)
- GPMC Day at the Ball Park (Arizona Diamondbacks), Sunday, June 26th, 2005—1:00pm to 5:00pm (tentative)

3:50pm: Meeting review

3:55pm: Evaluations

4:00pm: Adjourn (dinner/socialize?)

4:01pm: GPMC Steering Committee meeting (5 min)

Green Party of Maricopa County (GPMC) General Membership meeting minutes—April 30th, 2005

In attendance: Joan Davis, Virginia Gallegos, Carl Golden, Desiree Hernandez, Robert Neal, Regina Ochocki, Trevor Ochocki, Jose Rivas, Richard Scott, Angel Torres, Danielle Wilcox & Rob Wilcox

Role assignment: Facilitator—Jose; note taker—Angel; timekeeper—Carl; vibes watcher—Richard; stacker—Robert

Review of agenda (Jose)

History of GPMC, review of minutes from Feb. 26th, and events/announcements (see agenda above)

Co-chair report (Joan): Still attempting to recruit Susan Hrachiar for county Treasurer.

Treasurer's report (Angel): Total GPMC funds (checking account, Pay pal & petty cash) as of April 29th, 2005=\$451.95. We still have a debt of \$200.00 owed to the Gentle Strength Cooperative.

Database/Technology/Website (Richard & Trevor): Trevor has been working on re-designing the GPMC website. The new "look" will be similar to our GPMC newsletter. Angel also circulated a memo (dated March 29th) of his suggestions on how to improve the website.

GPMC newsletter (Trevor & Angel): Ideas for the next edition include—report on the next AZGP State meeting (May 21st); GPMC "\$1/month" campaign; GPMC & AZGP join Co-op America's Fair Trade Alliance; new GPMC officers for 2005-06; GPMC goals for 2005-06; tentative meeting schedule for remainder of 2005; and an article on the March 30th potluck. We will attempt to have the next edition available in June.

Membership Outreach (Regina & Angel): Regina & Angel reviewed with the group the GPMC 2005 "active" Greens list. There are approximately 45 folks on this list. These are folks that have attended a GPMC meeting during the past 14 months. We continue to do outreach by e-mail, phone, and U.S. mail. The goal is to get these folks to attend future meetings, get involved with our committees & task forces, and to assist in accomplished our goals for 2005-06.

Youth Caucus (Jose): Currently, there are two members of the Youth Caucus. Jose wants to recruit more members, and it is hoped that the proposed Fiesta Monsoon (see discussion later in minutes) will assist in this effort.

Fundraising/GPMC "\$1/month" campaign (Angel): Angel reviewed the campaign with members present. The campaign has been somewhat successful. Currently, the information has only been sent by e-mail to registered Greens. However, Angel plans to mail the information to sustainers/donors from 2004. The information will also be posted to our website. We have also raised donations from Pay pal, and from the sale of merchandise (t-shirts, buttons, etc). Donations during the meeting totaled \$66.00

Nominations for 2005-06 GPMC county officers—Secretary & Treasurer, election/affirmation (Joan): Regina Ochocki was nominated for county Secretary. She accepted the nomination and was elected by consensus. There were two nominations for county Treasurer. However, it was agreed by consensus to postpone a decision until the next GPMC meeting (June 4th).

Break

GPMC "Flow Chart"—officers and Steering Committee members, etc (Angel): The current "flow chart" was reviewed with the group. The "flow chart" needs to be updated, since it was last revised in October 2004.

Review of GPMC 2005-06 goals (Angel): Our goals for 2005-06 were reviewed with the group. Here are our current goals:

Electoral:

- a) Choice Voting/Proportional Representation campaign in Scottsdale, AZ
- b) Democratization of the political process/Voters' Bill of Rights (electoral reform issues)
- c) Run candidates for school board elections

Issue-based:

- a) Participate in other (non-Green sponsored) public events
- b) Work with the Gentle Strength Cooperative & Community-Supported Agriculture/CSAs (community-based economics campaign)
- c) Recruit speaker for Earth Day; organize Earth Day event/activity
- d) Organize Green Party "sponsored" events

GPMC-Internal

- a) 85 active members (5%) of the 1700+ registered Greens in Maricopa County
- b) Increasing membership/increasing participation
- c) Publicity—television, media spokesperson, letters to the editor, PSAs
- d) Fundraising

Angel proposed revising some of the goals, as some of those listed are not goals, but are tactics to accomplish goals.

Planning a Campaign—Goals, tactics & strategy (Angel): Angel led a discussion on the difference between goals & tactics. We also reviewed what was necessary in planning a campaign to accomplish our goals. It was agreed to focus on one specific goal: organizing a Green Party "sponsored" event. The event has been tentatively named "Fiesta Monsoon". Some of the brainstorming ideas include:

- Date: End of August (August 27-28); September 24-25 (Fall Equinox)
- Location: ASU West Kiva Hall, downtown Phoenix
- Entertainment: music, bands, Saif & the Hip-Hop poetry collective
- Who is going to work on the location? Jose, Regina, others
- Who is going to work on a name for the event? Desiree
- Date & time of the event?
- What is the theme?
- What will happen during the event (bands, poetry, registering voters, booths for organizations, guest speakers)?

- What is our timeline?
- Who is in charge of publicity?
- Who are our volunteers?

Parking lot/other announcements/next meetings (see agenda above)

Meeting review

Evaluations: Richard “this meeting...too business oriented”; Joan “we should take care of our business during the Steering Committee meeting...the General Membership meetings should be more fun...more discussion of events”; Robert “the Green Party operates by consensus...important decisions should not be left to only the Steering Committee...if you read the flyer, then today’s agenda was no surprise”; Lare “we need to design a decision-making process...we need more folks to attend our meetings”; Carl “this meeting...did not meet my expectations...we need less conversation about detailed minutiae...more fun, less business”; Jose “this is a learning curve...there are conflicting procedures, conflicting ideas”; Angel “We always try to do a better job every meeting. During our February meeting, everyone raved about how productive the meeting was. We had some loose ends to tie up, so I attempted to continue this process for our April meeting. For future meetings, we will attempt to get back to what we were doing last year—have a guest speaker, show a video, etc. However, we do need to schedule some time during these meetings to get some work done. Perhaps, we need to schedule our Steering Committee meetings prior to the General Membership meeting (30-45 minutes earlier). It has been 4 months since we have had a Steering Committee meeting.”