



*GPMC Tentative Agenda—August 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting*

1:00pm: Arrival & introductions

1:10pm: Role assignment & review of the facilitation process—Facilitator, note taker, timekeeper, vibes watcher & stacker (Angel)

1:15pm: Review/approval of the agenda & set/adjust times

1:25pm: Herstory/history of GPMC & the Arizona Green Party (AZGP)—orientation for new members (Angel)

1:35pm: Review/approval of minutes from the previous GPMC meeting (July 30<sup>th</sup>); action items (Mary Ellen)

1:45pm: Roundtable discussion (for new & returning attendees): What issues should GPMC “champion”?  
Examples: instant run-off voting/IRV, electoral politics, renewable energy, etc. (Jose)

2:15pm: Fundraising: GPMC “\$1/month” campaign, Green Party-US campaign for “card-carrying” Greens, sale of t-shirts, buttons, Green Pages newsletter, etc. (Robert)

2:25pm: Break

2:35pm: Report on AZGP State meeting (Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>) & GP-US proposals (Angel)

2:50pm: GPMC Organizational “Flow” Chart; GPMC 2005-06 goals; campaigns & tactics for goals (Angel)

3:20pm: Committee reports & breakout sessions—“Fiesta Monsoon”/youth caucus report, fundraising, membership outreach, website, etc.

3:50pm: Parking lot/events & announcements/next meetings

4:00pm: Meeting review

4:05pm: Evaluations (positives, negatives & concerns)

4:10pm: Adjourn

4:15pm to 4:30pm: GPMC Steering Committee meeting

Green Party of Maricopa County (GPMC) meeting minutes—August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
South Mountain Community College, Phoenix AZ

In attendance: Michelle Ahillen, Paul Angileri, Rich Crab, Joseph Formicella, Desiree Hernandez, Charles Imboden, Rob Jackson, Nancy Kroening, Uyen Le, Michelle Mascarenas, Robert Neal, Jose Rivas, Angel Torres, Cesar Vasquez-Carrera, Dan Vogelgesang & Mary Ellen Wierschem

Role assignment: Facilitator—Jose; note taker—Angel; timekeeper—Robert; vibes watcher—Uyen; stacker—Michelle

The group reviewed and approved the tentative agenda by consensus. Times were adjusted due to the late start of the meeting.

Angel gave a short history of the Green Party in Arizona for new members.

The minutes from the previous GPMC meeting (July 30<sup>th</sup>) were read by Mary Ellen and approved by the group by consensus.

Jose led the roundtable discussion “What issues should GPMC champion”. The following are suggestions from folks in attendance:

- The anti-war effort (participate in local rallies), raise the bar for active Greens (5% is too low), voter registration; improve the website (consistency)—Rich
- The anti-war effort; do a public survey of the registered Greens concerning issues—Uyen
- Organize against the John Roberts nomination for the Supreme Court; MoveOn.org petition—Michelle Ahillen
- The anti-war effort; website issues (consistency); environmental aspects of the war in Iraq; social responsibility/consumption; fuel economy; communication to Greens—Paul
- Making a commitment to membership outreach; website assistance; monitoring the legislative process—Dan
- Corporate accountability; public safety accountability; the international market; the environment; endangered species; land ownership; regulation on public & private lands—Nancy
- Membership outreach & increasing the visibility of the Green Party—Joseph
- Instant run-off voting (IRV) & proportional representation (PR); website—Rob Jackson
- Membership outreach—Michelle Mascarenas
- Membership outreach—Mary Ellen
- Increasing the number of registered Greens (the #1 priority); cooperate/network with other organizations; internal Green Party issues; increase the number of folks to table at events—Robert Neal
- People need to step up, instead of just saying what needs to be done—Desiree
- Increasing the visibility of the Green Party—Charles
- Save money/minimize the number of Green Party mailings; do things electronically—Cesar
- Solar-hydrogen/renewable energy needs to be the “hot button” issue for the Green Party. Renewable energy will have an effect on our energy policy, the economy/jobs, the environment, our national security, etc. The Summer 2005 issue of Co-op America has many good ideas for saving energy and converting homes to solar energy. We should be converting our vehicles to alternative fuels (bio-diesel and hydrogen)—Angel
- We need an “active” membership—Jose

GPMC Treasurer Robert Neal led the discussion on fundraising. The GPMC \$1/month campaign was discussed, along with the Green Party-US “card-carrying Green” campaign. Robert also mentioned that we had t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers & the Green Pages newsletter for sale/donations. \$121.00 was raised in donations.

Break

Angel gave a short report on the next Arizona Green Party (AZGP) State meeting to be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. The focus of this meeting will be the nomination of new AZGP officers (election to be held in January 2006), proposed by-laws changes, and AZGP goals for 2005-06. Folks were encouraged to carpool and attend this meeting.

Angel reviewed the GPMC Organizational “Flow” Chart, which lists the current GPMC officers & Steering Committee members, as well as the current GPMC committees, task forces, caucuses, etc. Members in attendance were encouraged to participate in the work of GPMC by joining a committee (Organizational “Flow” chart will soon be on website, [www.maricopagreens.org](http://www.maricopagreens.org)). Angel also reviewed the current GPMC goals for 2005-06, and folks were encouraged to work towards the fulfillment of these goals (GPMC goals for 2005-06 are currently listed on our website).

Jose gave a report on the work of the GPMC Youth Caucus and “Fiesta Monsoon”: the Green Art & Progressive Concert. “Fiesta Monsoon” is scheduled during 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in downtown Phoenix on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7pm to 11pm at the Paper Heart Gallery (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Grand Avenue). Folks were encouraged to attend and assist with tabling, outreach, etc. Scheduled entertainers include Saif (spoken word poet) and U.S. Crew (Hip Hop/Rap performers). Local artists have agreed to donate their artwork to GPMC for a fundraising raffle, including a print from artist Alex Grey (Robert Neal is coordinating these efforts). Mary Ellen agreed to bake some cookies for the event.

Two breakout sessions were held for those folks interested in improving our website, and for those interested in membership outreach (the GPMC website committee agreed to having an on-line discussion/meeting at a future date). Comments from the Membership Outreach discussion include:

- Michelle A—GPMC members should have a house party (sort of like a Tupperware party) to introduce folks to the ideas of the Greens/Green Party. Folks are much more comfortable meeting at a friend’s house and would then be encouraged to attend our General Membership meetings. We should use the “house party” idea to increase our membership. What we are basically talking about is word-of-mouth (WOM) advertising.
- Nancy—The Green Party folks that speak at a “house party” should be members of the GPMC Speakers Bureau.
- Uyen—For the “house party”, make sure you select the speaker according to the demographics of your audience (youth, women, people-of-color, etc).
- Angel—The house party idea is excellent. We are attempting to do the same with Jose (our GPMC intern & youth caucus coordinator) by having him do speaking engagements at the universities and community colleges.

Events & announcements/next meetings (Angel):

- Fiesta Monsoon—Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Paper Heart Gallery, 7:00pm to 11:00pm
- AZGP State meeting—Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, Room 109, 740 E. Speedway (SW corner of Speedway & Euclid), Tucson, AZ, 12:00pm to 5:00pm
- Tabling at the Green Building Expo (Scottsdale Center for the Arts)—Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> (tentative/not yet confirmed)
- Protests/rally against the war in Iraq—Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm (corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street & Camelback, Phoenix)
- GPMC General Membership meeting—Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00pm to 4:15pm (tentative location—Scottsdale)

Angel gave a meeting review for the members in attendance.

Evaluations of the meeting by the group were positive.

(The minutes do not reflect the positives, negatives or concerns of folks attending the meeting. The security staff at South Mountain Community College told us that we would need to conclude our meeting prior to 4:30pm, since another group was scheduled to use the room at that time. This group [an HOA/homeowners’ association] began to congregate outside our meeting room between 3:30pm to 3:45pm. At 4:10pm, prior to us concluding our evaluations, this group of very loud, obnoxious and rude folks barged into the meeting room and ordered us out, saying they needed to set up for their meeting. As the note taker for our meeting, I could not hear the evaluations of our members in attendance. We quickly concluded our evaluations, and agreed that the “negatives” of the meeting was this HOA group.)

## Adjourn

An impromptu GPMC Steering Committee meeting was held immediately following the General Membership meeting. Members in attendance include: Desiree Hernandez, Charles Imboden, Robert Neal, Jose Rivas & Angel Torres. The issues discussed were campaign finance laws for the county party and additional planning for "Fiesta Monsoon". An expenditure of \$20.00 was approved for the printing of new GPMC tri-fold flyers for "Fiesta Monsoon". The group agreed to hold an official GPMC Steering Committee meeting on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 1:00pm (location TBD).