



GPMC Tentative Agenda—February 25th, 2006 General Membership meeting

1:00pm: Arrival & introductions (flex time)

1:15pm: Role assignment & review of the facilitation process—Facilitator, note taker, timekeeper, vibes watcher & stacker (Richard)

1:20pm: Review/approval of the agenda & set/adjust times

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

1:30pm: Review/approval of minutes from previous GPMC meeting—Jan. 29th, 2006 (Angel)

1:35pm: GPMC Treasurer's report (Robert)

1:40pm: Nomination/election of new GPMC officers/Steering Committee members; duties & responsibilities, etc; review of "flow" chart (Angel)

2:10pm: Fundraising (Robert & Dan)

- GPMC "\$1/month" campaign (contribution forms)
- Green Party-US "card-carrying" Green campaign (post cards)
- Green Party merchandise (t-shirts, buttons, etc)
- "Pass the Can"
- Green Pages newsletter (\$1 donation)
- Other ideas (www.grassrootsfundraising.org), car wash, yard sale, etc
- Request for others to join GPMC Fundraising committee (Current members—Robert Neal, Richard Scott, Angel Torres & Dan Vogelgesang)

2:20pm: Break

2:30pm: Report from Local to Global Justice teach-in; tabling efforts, etc. (Mara, Evelyn, Tom & Angel)

2:35pm: Proposal for GPMC endorsement policy/process for candidates (Celeste)

2:50pm: GPMC 2006 Goals—tactics/tasks & campaign timelines; Building a Green Local (Angel)

3:15pm: Parking lot/other announcements

- Tabling at 1st Friday Art Walk (downtown Phoenix)—Friday, March 3rd (6:00pm to 10:00pm)
- GPMC Spring Equinox Potluck/BBQ—Sunday, March 26th, 2006; 1:00pm to 5:00pm; South Mountain Park
- GPMC General Membership meeting—Saturday, April 29th, 2006; 1:00pm to 3:30pm; location TBA

3:20pm: Meeting review

3:25pm: Evaluations (positives, negatives & concerns)

3:30pm: Adjourn; GPMC Steering Committee meeting (3:40pm to 4:30pm)

Tentative Agenda—GPMC Steering Committee meeting (25FEB06)

3:40pm: Website committee report (Robert & Richard)

3:47pm: Membership Outreach committee report (Mara & Angel)

3:54pm: Treasurer's report; campaign finance, etc (Robert, Richard & Angel)

4:01pm: Diversity issues—Womyn, youth & people of color (Angel)

4:08pm: Proposal from Korky Day—citizen assemblies

4:13pm: GP-US report (Richard)

4:20pm: Homework/To-Do list (until next GPMC meetings)

4:30pm: Adjourn

Minutes of the GPMC General Membership meeting—Saturday, February 25th, 2006
Glendale Community College—Humanities Bldg, Room 102

In attendance: Evelyn Abbott, Sassan Afshin, Celeste Castorena, Tom Doran, Peter Hickman, Rob Jackson, Michelle Mascarenas, Robert Neal, Mara Schmerfeld, Richard Scott & Angel Torres

Role assignment: Facilitator—Robert; note taker—Angel; timekeeper—Rob; vibes watcher—Evelyn; stacker—Peter

The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

The history of GPMC/AZGP was skipped due to no new members in attendance.

The minutes from the previous GPMC meeting (January 29th, 2006) were read and approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report (Robert): approximately \$300.00 in GPMC treasury.

Nomination/election of new GPMC officers/Steering Committee members:

- Co-chair: Mara Schmerfeld—1 year term (February 2007)
- Co-chair: Angel Torres—2 year term (February 2008)
- Secretary: Evelyn Abbott—2 year term (February 2008)*
- Treasurer: Robert Neal (term expires February 2007)
- Media Outreach Coordinator: Richard Scott—2 year term (February 2008)
- At-large member: Celeste Castorena—1 year term (February 2007)
- At-large member: Peter Hickman—1 year term (February 2007)*
- At-large member: Rob Jackson—1 year term (February 2007)
- At-large member: Michelle Mascarenas—1 year term (February 2007)*

* Pending Green Party registration

Fundraising: Evelyn & Mara added as members to GPMC Fundraising Committee; Richard steps down from committee

Break

Report from Local to Global Justice teach-in:

- Angel—The highlight for me was getting exposure for GPMC on Air America (1010 AM)
- Mara—registering 4 new Green Party members

- Tom—help for Saif’s campaign (Grandmas Against the War—protest at 99th Avenue & Bell Road)

GPMC Endorsement policy/process (Celeste): I have researched the endorsement policy/process from 3 different state Green parties: Alaska, Massachusetts & Wisconsin. Here is how they differ:

- Alaska—On the Green Party of Alaska website (www.alaska.greens.org), under the Resources/Plan of Organization link, go to Article 6 (Candidate Endorsements & Challenges); Section 5 (Candidate Endorsements). They have four types of endorsements:
 - a) Full Endorsement—consensus as to the candidate’s ability to be accountable to the platform and the Ten Key Values
 - b) Issue Endorsement—support candidate’s stand on specific issue(s); no consensus on candidate’s ability to be accountable to the platform and/or the Ten Key Values
 - c) No Endorsement—unable to endorse the candidate at this time
 - d) Contrary Endorsement—unwilling to endorse or support the candidate at this time (list reasons if necessary).
- Wisconsin—The Wisconsin Green Party gives either an Endorsement, or No Endorsement
- Massachusetts—The Green-Rainbow Party of Massachusetts has a Nomination Process, instead of Endorsements

Celeste—I believe we could use Alaska’s process with some tweaking.

Richard—The Green Party of Alaska used the courts to get ballot status.

Angel—I support Celeste’s proposal, but also see the value of the processes used by Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

Richard & Mara—Let’s make the distinction between a nomination vs. an endorsement; Angel is saying you shouldn’t get a nomination from GPMC unless you are registered Green.

Review of GPMC 2006 Goals: tactics/tasks, campaign timelines & point persons (Angel): We need to outline tasks/tactics to accomplish our goals, along with a campaign timeline & evaluation process. Here are the point persons (in parenthesis) for our GPMC 2006 goals:

- Choice Voting/Proportional (Full) Representation campaigns in Scottsdale and other localities (Hal, Korky & Richard)
- Running 3 to 5 candidates for school board elections (Richard)
- Increase of 800 registered Greens in Maricopa County by December 2006 (Angel, Evelyn & Mara)
- Electoral reforms issues/voting machine reliability (Hal, Kevin & Mara)
- Green Party “sponsored” events—Fiesta Monsoon 2005: mission accomplished!
- “Free” Earth Day event—Phoenix Earth Day 2007 (?)
- Fair Trade issues/community-based economics campaign (Angel & Robert)
- “Hot button” issues (Hal, Kevin & Mara)
- 85 “active” Greens in Maricopa County by December 2006 (Angel)
- Increasing membership & participation of people of color, women & youth within GPMC (Angel)
- Fundraise \$3000 by December 2006 (Angel)
- Increase publicity of GPMC in news media (Richard)

Parking lot/other announcements:

- 1st Friday—Mara, Tom, Robert, Rob & Michelle volunteer to table

Angel gave a meeting review by reading the minutes/notes.

Evaluations:

- Positives—“good ideas”, “recruitment for Green Party”, “full slate of officers/steering committee”, “printed materials”, “continued commitment”, “folks stepping forward”, “meeting organized well”, “we are filling empty seats”, “we are getting a lot done”, “we are involving new folks on the Steering Committee”, “support is being received”, “excited”, “we had a computer & internet access”, “Sassan was here”.

- Negatives—“lower attendance than January 29th”, “our meeting was in the dark due to the computer”, “we need more people”, “the agenda is similar to previous meetings”, “Michelle seems afraid to talk”, “the bus service on Saturday is bad”, “I’m disappointed in the attendance”, “Mary Ellen was not here (no cookies)”, “no food (perhaps GPMC can provide)”, “we need more aggressive/assertive assignments”, “we seem to be vague on what we are doing”.
- Concerns—“some folks not able to attend (Saturday vs. Sunday meetings)”, “lack of communication”, “community colleges not available on Sundays”, “we need a permanent meeting location”, “e-mail communication?”, “perhaps we can arrange car pools for transportation to meetings, or have meeting locations that are on the bus route”, “we need alternatives to cookies”, “Vague assignments/we need clarity”.

Adjourn

Minutes from GPMC Steering Committee meeting:

- Treasurer’s report—skipped, since this was done during the General Membership meeting.
- Website committee: Tom volunteers to draft “What happens when you register Green?” for GPMC website.
- Membership Outreach committee (Angel & Mara): We continue to do outreach by e-mail & phone. Mara will explore using MySpace.com to advertise GPMC meetings.
- Diversity issues (Angel): Celeste—a womyn’s caucus is not a top priority for me at this time. Evelyn volunteers to lead youth organizing for GPMC. Robert—we need to translate our materials & website to Spanish. Celeste has already volunteered to assist in this effort.
- Proposal for Citizen Assemblies in Arizona by Korky Day (Angel): Angel read the proposal, but no one volunteers to be the point person at this time.
- GP-US report (Richard): The Green Party-US Annual Meeting will be in Tucson (July 27-30). We should be selling our merchandise to raise funds.
- Homework assignments:
 - 1) Updated registered Greens list for Maricopa County—Mara
 - 2) GPMC Potluck information on website—Angel & Robert
 - 3) Collecting signatures for candidates—more information at the GPMC Potluck
 - 4) GPMC Nomination vs. Endorsement policy/process—Celeste (will be ready by March 26th potluck)
 - 5) Press release for GP-US Annual Meeting—Richard
 - 6) Contact Pima County Greens about assistance with organizing for GP-US Annual Meeting—Peter
 - 7) Draft of “Why register Green?”—Tom
 - 8) Advertising of GPMC meeting on Myspace.com—Mara
 - 9) Youth organizing—Evelyn
 - 10) Translation of GPMC materials & website to Spanish—Celeste
 - 11) Permanent location for GPMC meetings—Richard

Adjourn