

2012 Annual Meeting of the Green Party of Delaware
Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. till noon

Conducted at:
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark
420 Willa Road
Newark, DE

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. by interim secretary Jim Witters

In attendance

GPDE Members: Bernard August, Deborah August, Phillip Bannowsky, Denise Brush, Andrew Groff, Steven Hegedus, Desmond Kahn, Carolyn McCorquodale, David McCorquodale, Michale Mizner, Mark Perri, Ruth Ann Purchase-James, Phillip Troxler, James Witters

Observer: William McVey

I. General state of the party

A. Discussion of voter registration numbers and need for big push before May 24. Officially 553 on May 1. Now estimated at 580 to 590. Des is checking with Newark Co-op about a table at the store. Bernie signed up 30 new people going door to door in his neighborhood. Talked about ongoing recruitment efforts to build a solid base of support.

II. Treasurer's report by David McCorquodale

A. Activity has been slow past two years

2010 \$647

Deposits \$223

Jan 21st of 2011 Repayment of \$1,000 from GPUS

Expenses have been about \$700

Current Balance is: \$1,484

B. Fund raising discussion ensued:

- Letters (no response from annual letter to all registered Delaware Greens)

- Speakers

- Solicit National Party

C. David stated that he is willing to remain treasurer for another year. Those present approved.

III. National delegates' report

Jim Witters, as a new delegate, sought input from the membership concerning voting his conscience or trying to discern the consensus of the membership before voting. Those in attendance favored delegates voting their conscience as the representatives chosen by the group. If highly controversial topics arise, the delegates may want to get the sentiment of the membership before casting a vote.

IV. Candidates:

A. Andy Groff for U.S. Senate

1. We need to engage young people (greatest opportunity)

2. Must utilize online resources

3. What has your Opponent (Carper) voted in opposition to your views:
 - a. NDAA
 - b. Glass-Steagall
 - c. CISPA
 - d. Patriot Act
4. Other issues
 - a. Democrats moving away from Progressive
 - b. Student Debt

Groff unanimously supported as Green Party candidate for U.S. Senate in the November election.

B. Bernard August for U.S. House of Representatives

1. Occupy has affirmed things have not changed in regards to Human Rights and Class Warfare
2. Union Organizer (Steel Workers, Auto Workers)
3. The public is suffering from deprivation and scarcity
4. Issues
 - a. Renew contract of the Constitution/Bill of Rights
 - b. Internet Security Issues
 - c. Human Dignity
 - d. Environmental Issues
5. Experience in Nuclear Intervention Activism
6. Occupy
 - a. Togetherness
 - b. Resistance
7. Opposition to Carney:
 - a. Restore faith in Representatives
 - b. Glass-Steagall Act (Separation of financial industries) Dobb Frank Bill
 - c. Support of Unions (fallen to 12%)
 - d. NDAA (Indefinite Detainment)
 - e. Internet Security Bills
 - f. Health Care
8. Children in Poverty?
 - a. Witnessing it on a personal level.
 - b. Minimum Income (Living Wage)
9. Technological Displacement
10. Shift of Military Budget to Public
11. Laws for Proposal
 - a. Green New Deal
12. Contrast Sheet!
13. Bloom Energy
14. Topics at Federal Level
 1. Citizens United
 2. Campaign Reform (Instant runoff voting)
 3. Indigenous people's rights

Bernard August chosen on 13-1 vote to run for U.S. House as the Green Party candidate

C. Presidential Candidates

Jim Witters gave a brief overview of the three candidates seeking the GPUS nomination to run for president of the United States on the November ballot.

The three are Rosanne Barr, Kent Mesplay and Jill Stein.

Jill Stein was unanimously chosen as the GPDE candidate, receiving all four of the GPDE delegates to the presidential nominating convention in Baltimore in July.

V. Election of state officers:

A. National Committee

RuthAnne Purchase James was elected to serve a one-year term on the National Committee.

Jim Witters was elected to serve a two-year term on the National Committee.

David McCorquodale was elected to serve a two-year term as alternate to the National Committee.

B. Jim Witters was unanimously elected to a one-year term as state secretary.

C. Delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention

Selected unanimously were: Desmond Kahn, Bernard August, Andrew Groff and Phil Troxler. Alternates are David McCorquodale, Jim Witters and RuthAnn Purchase James.

Meeting adjourned by consent at 11:25 a.m.