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WIGP Spring Gathering and Presidential Nominating Convention Minutes
March 3, 2012
10 am – 3:45 pm
UW Madison Memorial Union

1. **Attendees** - Claude VanderVeen, Brenda Konkel, George Martin, Mike McCallister, Jeanette McCallister, Larry Dooley, Bruce Hinkforth, Ron Hardy, Cindy Stimmler, Addison Smith, Dace Zeps, Ben Manski, CJ Terrell, Erika Wolf, Brian Rothgery, Roger Kittleson, Farheen Hakeem, Adam Portan, Nora, Eric, David Williams, Monte LeTourneau, Victor Caravello, Leland Pan.
2. **Welcome** by CoChair, Claude VanderVeen and **Greens Call to Action** by George Martin.
3. **Request for Volunteers** - for CC positions including Treasurer, GPUS Delegate to replace Ron and Media/Outreach coordinator, to be filled later in agenda.
4. **Approval of Fall Gathering 11/15/11 Minutes** - Consensus was reached with one addition: "Black Caucus" to be included in CC positions open.
5. **Treasurer Report** – Ron indicated that all FEC and GAB reports have been filed and bank balance is \$1475.73.
6. **Chapter Reports** -
 - a. Oshkosh – Ron reported that Bob Poeschel is in his second term, Ron is running unopposed for County Board and Justin Mitchell is editing a new weekly magazine "Scene".
 - b. Milwaukee – Mike reported that they met recently about the future of the Greater Milwaukee Green Party expanding their presence into Facebook and Rick Kissell's campaign.
 - c. Four Lakes – Larry reported that endorsing candidates will be done by WIGP because they are not meeting regularly.
7. **Proposals** – no written proposals were made available
 - a. Ben verbally proposed that the CC provide a media release regarding the race for Governor.
 - b. Monte announced a wild rice event March 16.
 - c. George verbally proposed that "WIGP endorse the 'Counter NATO Summit and G8 activities' on May 18 in Chicago." Consensus was reached to adopt.
 - d. Jeanette verbally proposed that Greens be more involved in Earth Day activities. An ad hoc committee of Jeanette and Dace will meet to determine how to make Earth Day political and connected to the Green Party.
8. **Voting** for Presidential candidates ended at 11 am
9. **Presidential Candidate Presentations**
 - a. Dr. Jill Stein addressed attendees
10. **Lunch Break**
11. **Presidential Candidate Presentations (continued)**
 - a. Claude read statements from Dr. Kent Mesplay and Harley Mikkelson