

Indiana Green Party  
MINUTES OF FIRST STATE MEETING

May 9, 1992

### **Speakers**

#### **Sue Greer**

The first speaker was Sue Greer from People Against Hazardous Landfills. Sue informed the group about her experiences which we might benefit from. She expressed that it is important to establish a community presence. This can be attained from such things as "Letters to the Editor" and by issuing periodic press releases. It is also important for those actively involved to establish their personal goals and honor those so that they don't burn themselves out. She discussed the importance of establishing a one sentence mission statement concerning your organization. This may change with time and needs to be reassessed periodically. It's important to identify goals for your organization. These should be categorized into both short term and long term goals. Don't ignore the need for establishing a financial plan. If your organization grows to the point where it's able to support and office, it will be a necessity.

Suggested readings:

- Flannagan, Joan. The grassroots fundraising book.
- Sierra Club. Media handbook.

#### **Susan Green**

Our next speaker was Susan Green who has been active in the formation of the Arizona Green Party. She spoke about the difference between a green movement and a Green party. A green movement is involved with activism through protests and education. Whereas a Green party does this as well as fields candidates for public office. She reviewed for the group Indiana's laws in regards to ballot access.

Susan suggested a publication regarding ballot access which is published by the Libertarian Party.

Ballot Access News  
3201 Baker St.  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
(415) 922-9779

### **Business Matters**

After lunch the meeting focused on business matters. There was a short talk by Quinn Brisben, the Socialist Party Presidential candidate. Quinn spoke about what influenced him when he was young to challenge status quo politics. Earlier in the day he spoke about the pragmatic realities of ballot access.

#### **Name and mission statement**

There was consensus for the provisional title of "Indiana Greens." We have a name.

There was consensus for a provisional mission statement:

"The Indiana Greens are an organization dedicated to establishing Green locals and building an Indiana Green Party."

### **Setting goals**

From this point there was a discussion of short term and long term goals. Please present these goals to your locals for discussion at the next state meeting. Tentatively, these goals are:

#### **Short term goals**

- Encourage locals to affiliate with national
- Establish a clearinghouse
- Identify local contacts for each group
- Coordinate local actions
- Establish policy for public representation
- Build a sense of community
- Establish a working group

#### **Long term goals**

- Sponsor symposia
- Establish a state platform
- Establish a financial plan
- Establish a finance committee
- Select a treasurer
- Establish an audit committee
- Establish bylaws
- Increase voter registration
- Establish a fundraising committee
- Field candidates

### **Next Meeting**

The Indiana Greens will meet again before the National Gathering. The date for this was set for July 25, 1992, at the Bloomington Peace Center in Bloomington. Time 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

A possible agenda will include:

- Discussion of goals
- Formation of working groups
- Discuss formal structure
- Discuss proposal for National Gathering

Locals represented at the state meeting included:

- St. Joe Valley Greens (South Bend)
- Northwest Indiana Greens
- Wapahani Greens (Indianapolis)
- The Tribe (West Lafayette)
- Delaware County Greens (Muncie)

If your local was not on this list, then please have a representative attend the July 25th meeting of the Indiana Greens.

Respectfully submitted,

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