

# Indiana Green Party

## MINUTES - DECEMBER 2002

### Indiana Green Party Meeting

December 14, 2002, 1:00 pm

Video Conference at IUPUI and IUB

Present: Pam Raider, Maureen Barlock, Harold Donle, Bethany Hayes, Isabel Piedmont, Steps to Freedom, George Murphy, Jenett Tillotson, Shirley, and Brett

### I. Officer and Committee Reports

#### A. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer reported two new members, this revenue plus a monthly service fee of \$8 brings the amount of money in the treasury to \$482.63. Currently we have 38 members. Maureen reports that the election board requires a report to be filled out four times a year. The last form was mailed to the wrong PO Box and that a fine might be incurred. However since Steps has retrieved the key from Chris, the old papers were sent to Maureen and she can prove that they were sent to the old box. We will wait to see what the Election board decides.

#### B. Tech Report

Donations on the web page

Jenett reported on adding a donation capability to the web page. A Pay Pal account is free and will allow us to accept donations from other Pay Pal accounts with no charge. There is a charge for accepting credit cards of 2.9% plus a \$0.30 transaction fee.

If the IGP had the ability to accept credit cards directly, we could also put a form on the web that would allow us to accept credit card payments directly. Jenett suggested that the treasurer look into what it would cost us to do that so we could compare it to the Pay Pal fees.

Move bank account

Shirley commented that the \$8 fee for our bank account is too high. Harold commented that we shouldn't be banking with Bank One because it goes against the principles of the GP. Maureen stated that the Congress asked the IGP to use a state-wide bank for convenience and Bank One was chosen because of it's convenience for Maureen.

Pam asked Maureen to looking other account options in order to lower the monthly fee and also suggested we try to get our bank account balance above the \$500 amount in order to avoid the monthly fee.

Video Conferencing system

Unfortunately, we were unable to include a site for the northern greens for this video conference. Jenett will look into trying to get a site at Notre Dame and also explore the possibilities of using Purdue as a site for northern greens.

#### C. Affiliation Process

Jeff is not present to tell us about the affiliation process.

## **II. Old Business**

### **A. Startup kits**

Pam and Isabel have been getting a startup kit together. They are starting with the Monroe kit which has a list of the bylaws, the charter, and a membership form. They have been working on an IGP pamphlet which will include the 10 key values, the IGP P.O. box, a list of current IGP issues, the current officers, and a list of the affiliated locals. They will fix up a couple of things and then send it to Jenett to be put on the web page for comments.

### **B. Special Congress**

So far, George Fish, Steps to Freedom, and Harold Donle have stepped forward as candidates for the co-coordinator position. Jenett Tillotson has put in her name for the secretary position.

1/3 of the current IGP members need to agree in order to hold a special congress - which is 13 people. A question came up about who was a current IGP member. It was noted that everyone who was a member in December 2001 owes their dues in January as was agreed at an early IGP meeting. We all discuss that according to earlier decisions, all IGP members owed their dues every January - this was to simplify the job of collecting dues. It was suggested that this January due date needed to be spelled out in the bylaws and that someone could write a proposal to this effect to be decided on at the special congress.

Pam proposed a special congress, and Maureen seconded it. 8 current members were present at the IGP meeting, and all 8 people agreed to hold a special congress. Pam will contact other members to get the 5 remaining needed votes.

We will hold the meeting in February because proposals will have to be sent to IGP 45 days in advance and put on the web page 30 days in advance.

#### Candidate speeches

Steps said it would gladly give up the responsibility if someone else wants to do it. He would do either the co-coordinator of the secretary position.

Jenett said she would be willing to setup a system to produce monthly membership dues letters that future secretaries could use as well which will eliminate the need to collect dues every January.

Harold said he would make a bad secretary cause he takes lousy notes.

Maureen proposed we make Steps the interim coordinator and Jenett the interim secretary. Pam seconded.

The motion passed by consensus.

To give us enough time to get the proposals together and advertised, it was decided by consensus to hold the special congress on Saturday, February 15. We will try hard to include a site for the northwest greens to make it easier to participate.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Unaffiliated caucus**

IGP needs someone to organize an unaffiliated caucus for the IGP members who don't have 5 people in their local county which is necessary to form an affiliated local. Harold asked if people can be in the unaffiliated caucus even though they have a local.

Brett suggested that the local greens should send their local membership dues sent to the IGP. It was stated that Brett's

idea was anti-green as the Green Party is a ground-up organization. Maureen stated that the locals need money too. Harold said that technically IGP is not a party, but Maureen contradicted him saying that we are a party as we have sent in the forms to be a political party.

Jenett said she would take on the responsibility to form an unaffiliated caucus.

## **B. Website Payment**

Maureen said that we would get a 10% discount on our website fees if we pay 6 months in advance and a 20% discount if we pay one year in advance. If we pay one year in advance, that would be a charge of \$96 dollars. Maureen proposed we pay the website fee a year in advance which Pam seconded. The proposal was passed by consensus.

## **IV. Local Reports**

### **A. Marion County**

Marion County is running four candidates. They are working on a test which candidates must pass in order to be decided as viable candidates. They also have a possible governor candidate.

John Zaphiriou is having a campaign workshop in March in Indy. The workshop is free.

They have a video tape about campaigning.

There has been some controversy about waving membership dues.

Nader has been asked to come to Marion County for a fund raiser. It was suggested that IGP could co-sponsor the event.

Marion County democrats are in disarray right now and it's a good time for the GP to take hold.

### **B. IUPUI Campus Greens**

IUPUI Campus Greens have affiliated with the national Campus Greens organization. There has been some problems in the national Campus Greens organization. IUPUI Campus Greens currently has 30 members.

### **C. Monroe County**

They have 50 active members and 450 supporting members.

Julie Roberts has gotten some backlash about spoiling the election for the Democrats. A Democrat Party speaker came to their last meeting.

Several city council seats are up for election and Isabel may run for one.

The new terrain I-69 is a big issue, and they are targetting the governor and Evan Bygh to get them out of office based on this issue in the 2004 races.

Mentioned that getting signatures was an arduous task.

### **D. Brown County**

Has 18 members.

They have recently joined the Adopt-a-Road program and started a newsletter. There are currently no open elections in Brown County.

The meeting adjourned around 3pm.

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