

Minutes of IGP Coordinating Committee meeting  
May 31, 2003

Recorded by Tom Brown

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pam Raider and Steps at 2:45, Saturday, May 31, 2003. The CC meeting was held in Kokomo, IN, at the home of Jenett Tillotson.

#### Present:

- . Pam Raider, Coordinator
- . Steps2Freedom, Coordinator
- . Maureen Barlock, Treasurer
- . Tom Brown, St. Joe Valley Greens delegate
- . Jenett Tillotson, Tech committee

#### Absent were:

- . George Murphy, Monroe County Greens delegate

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Jenett circulated drafts of minutes for January, March and April. The CC did not meet in February. The minutes were approved with corrections. Jenett will publish the minutes on the IGP web site.

Tom Brown volunteered to record minutes since the IGP has no Secretary. Tom will send a draft of his minutes to the coordinators for additions and corrections, then the coordinators will send the final draft to Jenett to publish on the web site.

#### III. Quorum

Without a delegate from Monroe County the CC did not have a quorum and was unable to make any binding decisions. This is the second month in a row that Monroe Co. has not sent a delegate.

Steps and Pam believe the Monroe Greens were unable to send a delegate because of problems scheduling the video conferences with IU's PolyCom staff. The CC never knows when IU will provide the conference authorization. This month is no exception.

#### IV. Old Business

A. Pam and Maureen reported that Pam is now co-signed on the IGP bank account instead of the former coordinator.

B. State party regulations.

Maureen did not check on whether Indiana regulations allow the treasurer of one state party to be the treasurer of another. Even though the IGP has not met the requirements for ballot access, the State is apparently treating IGP as a party.

All agreed that IGP needs to obtain the advice of an attorney so we know what is expected of the party by the State. (I don't recall whether Maureen mentioned an attorney.)

#### V. Tech Report

A. Ingreen-discuss list

Jenett tried to reach Graham regarding whether the list manager software (majordomo) on our host server has archiving and searching functions. Graham has not replied. Tom will contact Graham re archiving and searching potential.

If the host software is unable to archive or search archives, Tom suggested that IGP shift the archive chores to another server. Perhaps Free Geek Michiana can provide a searchable archive. Tom will check.

B. IGP video conferencing system

IGP can lease their own video conferencing service for \$50 per site per year. The service uses a private server and the public Internet. Jenett demonstrated approximately what the video image will be like by plugging a usb webcam into her laptop.

Each site will need a computer with 300 mhz or better cpu, a usb

webcam, microphone, speakers and sound card. The system can run on a dial up modem but works much better with a high speed connection such as dsl or cable modems.

Jenett will host the next meeting at her house in Kokomo. She has high speed Internet access. She and Tom will try to set up a connection with Tom's house to demonstrate the service at the next CC meeting. Pam will talk to the Brown Co. Greens' tech coordinator about setting up a test site in Brown Co.

If IGP can create our own video conferencing network, we can control scheduling and hold CC meetings with adequate prior notice for delegates and members to participate. We can also chose sites that are convenient to the most members.

## VI. Outreach

### A. Outreach supplies for locals

The CC wants to provide local chapters with low cost supplies for tabling and leafleting activities. Without supplies IGP is missing opportunities for outreach.

1. Steps will research cost of button making kits so that IGP can make our own buttons and supply locals with IGP buttons and custom made buttons.

2. Maureen will contact Vicki Webb in South Bend re costs for tees, commercially made buttons and business cards. Tom gave the CC cards Vicki designed for the St. Joe Valley Greens.

3. Steps will contact Skywolf re original artwork or a high quality digital file of the IGP logo from the web site.

### B. Fundraising

Steps had a number of suggestions for fundraising.

1. Steps has a fundraising letter ready for CC to approve. He will bring it to the next meeting. He would like the brochure to have good artwork and the IGP logo.

2. IGP should create a fundraising list consisting of people who are interested in the Greens even though they may not be members.

### C. Contact lists

Steps would like IGP to maintain lists for outreach:

- . general list for announcements;
- . speakers list to find speakers for events;
- . other specific outreach lists.

### D. Under-represented groups

The CC decided to require each CC delegate to compose a list of organized groups in their local's area which might be suitable for outreach. The delegates will encourage their local members to participate in research for the lists. The lists will help each local develop and focus outreach efforts and help IGP develop its a state level outreach list.

The CC discussed the merits of speaking to other groups versus asking others to send a representative to speak the local Green meeting. The consensus is that local Greens do better by inviting guest speakers and giving the speaker lots of time. The point is for Greens to get to know the guest organizations, their missions and needs.

## VII. Local chapter reports

### A. Brown Co.

According to Pam the chapter joined the Adopt-a-Road volunteer program and garnered favorable public attention. They issued their first issue of the Green Gazette, a quarterly newsletter, and have been using it for tabling and as a handout. They booked a booth at the Brown Co. 4-H fair and made a new backdrop.

There is a new treasurer. The former tech coordinator began attending meetings again so the web site will be up to date soon.

The chapter decided to sponsor public forums separate from business

meetings and have booked space for three forums on democracy, social justice and how the political system works. The

chapter CC committee is meeting regularly. The chapter meetings are well attended. The last general meeting had 14 members present out of 22.

#### B. Marion Co.

Maureen updated the CC on the Marion Co. Greens reorganization effort. They have a coordinator and a treasurer who will serve as acting officers until July. Their work will be reviewed in July, and they will be given another short term of office or new interim officers elected. Jeff Stant is the acting coordinator, and George Fish is the acting treasurer. The group elected a liaison with the IUPUI Campus Greens, Wylie Womack. Wylie is a member of both groups.

The chapter is holding monthly meetings and advertising the meetings in Nuvo, a local newspaper, and by other means. Eight people attended the recent meeting.

#### C. Monroe Co.

The Monroe delegate, George Murphy, was absent. Steps gave a brief summary of chapter activity. The chapter is focusing on movement issues and not politics at the moment. Core members are all local residents so the ebb and flow of the academic year at IU Bloomington doesn't affect them.

The IU Campus Greens are down for the summer break. Steps thinks they will pick up in good order. In previous years the group had to reorganize from scratch each Fall. But the group seems to be more stable this year as they will have core members returning for the Fall term.

#### D. St. Joseph Co.

The St. Joe Valley Greens have committed funds to purchasing tees, buttons and other tabling supplies for the summer/fall season. Two members were authorized to make designs, slogans, etc., and purchase the materials. Tom created a very large list of local events for the next two months and submitted it to the coordinators to winnow down. The coordinators presented the chapter with a list of tabling and leafleting events. Once the chapter has the supplies it will start tabling.

The guest speaker program is working well. This month the guest was a woman who was born and raised in South Bend but lived in Palestine for the past 12-15 years. She married a Palestinian Christian and has lived in or near Jerusalem. The chapter will be co-sponsoring a November event on Palestine with Rebecca Torstrick, Ph.D., at the IU South Bend campus.

The chapter continues to support the South Bend city administration in its efforts to raise money for capital improvements in the municipal water system. The city recommended to the Common Council a new structure for the water/sewer rates. The Council passed the recommended rates. The largest water users, excluding the University of Notre Dame, banded together and is suing the city to stop the rate restructuring. Aside from all the other issues involved the St. Joe Valley Greens want the city to eliminate active combined sewer overflows (CSOs). CSOs bypass sewage treatment and dump raw sewage into the St. Joseph River.

#### VIII. Next Meeting

The next IGP CC meeting will be held Saturday, June 28, 1-3 pm, at Jenett Tillotson's home in Kokomo, IN.