# Fredericksburg Green Party

# **General Meeting 11/23**

## 23 NOVEMBER 2019 / 6:55 PM / BANGKOK CAFE

# **ATTENDEES**

Alex, Asa (Notetaker), Ben, Chris (Timekeeper), Garrett, Gerald, Ralph, Sean

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## 3.1) Education Committee (Ralph)

- 1. Public Outreach // 6 month action plan
  - a. Documentary nights weekly at CRRL
  - b. Green Party book club to start up again soon
  - c. Senior citizen visits and education
  - d. Overseeing local gov't meetings
- 2. Current Affairs
  - a. Native American issues (see: 3.3.3)

#### 3.2) High School Green Party (Ben)

1. Several students are interested in joining but there are still problems with getting a faculty sponsor

## 3.3) Environmental Committee (Alex)

- 1. Working with indigenous people (see: 3.3.3)
- 2. Climate Mobilization update
  - a. Rappahannock Climate Coalition/Alliance is focusing its efforts on supporting Fossil Free Fredericksburg's 2050 resolution at the upcoming city council meeting.[DEC 10]
  - b. City Hall meeting [NOV 26 | 7:30 PM]
    - i. FFF presenting signatures
    - ii. Coalition members bringing signs and wearing red and blue

- 3. Virginia Indigenous Climate Summit
  - a. Fburg event inviting native tribes and nations of the region to discuss environmental issues (probably in spring, Ralph is in charge)
- 4. Unitarian Universalist Church flower planting
  - a. Sean is working with Heather about getting grounds set for 2020 planting
- 5. Stafford Anti-development
  - a. Next county board of supervisors meeting [DEC 11]
    - i. Developer is already approved for 700 units and they are pushing to get 200 more
    - ii. Come out to the meeting against the rezoning and development and present possible compromises
      - Alex: Will contact Brad from agricultural dept. about preservation status
      - 2. Chris: Will contact his uncle about conservation status
      - Jo Anna: Will provide environmental report/survey of the area

## 3.4) Community Resource Committee (Sean)

- 1. Free haircuts
  - a. Chris and Sean will report back next mtg. about getting a space
- 2. Party nights
  - a. Sean: MOTION: Community resource comm. should also encompass fun events and party nights

i. Chris: SECONDED

- ii. UNANIMOUS YEA'S
- iii. Motion 3.4.2 will go into effect

# 3.5) Labor Committee (Sean)

- 1. IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) chapter at UMW is working on forming and strengthening unions in the area; Sean is getting contact info wit them
- 2. Workers center
  - a. Center has officially gained nonprofit status and has a room at Unitarian Universalist Church; Sean is on its board.

- 3. "Know your rights" Panel
  - a. Sean would like to cooperate with the IWW and workers center and have a "know your rights" panel sometime in 2020, details to come

#### 3.6) Executive Board

1. Executive board will start having regular meetings weekly or biweekly starting [NOV 25] 7PM at Curitiba Art Cafe

NOTES: ☑3.3.2a: FGP delegate to RCC situation to be discussed further at the next general or environmental committee meeting.

- b. Ralph: MOTION : Monthly river cleanups should be held off until February
  - i. Chris: SECONDED
  - ii. UNANIMOUS YEA'S
  - iii. Motion 3.3 will go into effect

#### **New Business**

- 4.1) Dues proposal is currently in effect but is to be added to the bylaws soon.
- 4.2) Workers Cooperative (Dominique)
  - a) Dominique is leading the effort to get a workers co-op space and provide services like daycare
  - b) Lots of details and asterisks that were unfortunately not discussed because Dominique was not here
  - c) Sean: MOTION: Workers co-op project should be a new committee
    - i) Ben: **SECONDED**
    - ii) NARROW PASS
    - iii) Motion 4.4.2 will go into effect
- 4.3) Upcoming Elections TBD: Next general mtg.

- 4.4) Changing FGP name
  - a) Sean: MOTION: 4.4 should be discussed further next general mtg.
    - i) Ben: **SECONDED**
    - ii) PASS
    - iii) Motion 4.4.4 will go into effect
- 4.5) Stipend for Sean
  - a) Alex: MOTION: Due to Sean's heavy involvement in the FGP and current financial issues, the FGP should provide a stipend for him
    - i) Chris: **SECONDED**
    - ii) PASS OVERTURNED
    - iii) Motion 4.5 will not go into effect
- 4.6) Slack
  - a) Asa: MOTION: FGP should test out using Slack rather than Discord for party communication and business
    - i) Chris: **SECONDED**
    - ii) PASS
    - iii) Motion 4.6 will go into effect

MEETING START: 6:55PM

MEETING END: 8:10PM

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: 18 DEC. 2019 / LOCATION TBD / 6:30PM