

Kentucky Green Party Steering Committee Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Large Conference Room, Beaumont Public Library Branch
3080 Fieldstone Way, Lexington KY 40513
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Monday, June 27, 2016, 6:30-9:00 pm

Open

Chair called the meeting to order.

Steering Committee members introduced themselves: Michael Winkler, Chair; Andi Wojciechowski, Vice Chair; Lacy Wallace, Treasurer; James Owens; J'Lissabeth Faughn; Steve Olshewsky; Danita Hines, Secretary. Other KGP members present introduced themselves: Kyle Winters, Muhlenberg County; Nan Chen Madison County; Rich Stevenson, Jefferson County.

Old Business

Opened with Old Business of request for endorsement of candidacy by Rich Stevenson who spoke for 10 minutes on his intention to run for Ky's Congressional 3rd District, while concurrently promoting the Independent Voters Alliance and Open Ballot Access. Followed by questions from SC members.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

- Treasury update from Lacy Wallace, Treasurer: KGP bank account at Commonwealth Credit Union to be set up very soon. Will need signed minutes of this meeting to finalize requirements.
- Discussed pros/cons of options and voted to have Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer access to sign; requirement for two signatures for checks over \$500.
- Discussed future need for transparency, a budget, and receiving donations through PayPal. Also discussed recurring expenses of maintaining a US Post Office mailbox and website, which have to date been paid by various SC members out of their personal funds since the KGP founding.

Committees

Discussed and voted that any KGP SC member can nominate any KGP member for a subcommittee chair position for SC approval and that chair can then form their team among KGP members.

Discussed pros/cons of term limits and rotation of Steering Committee leadership offices between biennial state conventions and the need for a change to the Bylaws to specify these details. Due to time limitations this issue was tabled for later consideration.

Discussed and voted to approve that the current Chair and Vice Chair would trade offices until the 2017 KGP Convention.

Discussed the need for a Media Chair and Subcommittee and voted to approve SC member James Owens. SC members concurred with James request for a month before getting started due to being in the process of purchasing a home.

Membership

Discussed pros/cons of obtaining list KGP members from the office of the Ky Secretary of State and development of our own membership database.

Discussed influx of new KGP members in various regions and counties and how the SC can support local efforts. General members present were invited to share their perspectives and spoke about the number of politically aware students, disaffected Democrats and groups that are marginalized and vulnerable. Discussed the need to develop KGP resources for local groups.

Voted to name Kyle Winters as Chair of the Membership Committee and Nan Chen as Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

GPUS

Discussed GPUS Presidential Convention coming up in Houston, proxy voting and apparent lack of any KGP members with time or money to fund their own way to attend as a delegate.

Discussed need for Stein campaign Ky Coordinator to get additional information to fill out forms in order to easily make a two-sided petition available.

Next Meeting

Discussed meeting again September 7, 2016 at Beaumont Library.

Request for Endorsement

Discussed and voted to not endorse Rich Stevenson for 3rd District.

Close

Chair closed the Meeting at approximately 8:15pm.