

GPMI State Nominating Convention * Great Wall / Lansing * July 31 - August 1, 2010

Saturday, July 31

9:00am - 10:00am Registration and Catch-Up

< jalp forgot his PC; winds up taking hand notes because apparently everyone still thinks he's going to anyway >

10:00am - 10:05am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fred V makes a few intro remarks, goes briefly over the agenda; self-introductions all around
Dianne F wants some discussion of issues before nominations; we find a place to maybe fit it in

10:05am - 10:45am Reports on Green Party Annual National Meeting in Detroit & US Social Forum

Fred V speaks about 20 minutes on USSF (and GPUS-ANM); Qs and comments

Margaret G was at USSF and was very excited by a lot of what she saw there

Pat F notes winning over Ds won't work on a lot of the W side of the state; take their place instead

Richard W . . .

Rev. P notes he got 5,000 votes while in prison; can't run this year because of probation stipulations, so he's positioning himself –
the whole party should do that with the 10KV

Doug C says some of the lack of attention on us is our own fault –

we have our message down, we have good candidates, where we fall down is in logistics/getting it done on the ground

< 11:10am; close the stack >

Lou N discusses presence of GPMI at USSF – Fred V, “water goddess” Priscilla D (USSF practically a no-bottled-water event)

GPUS ANM was kind of double duty, but. . . .

and speaking as a GPMI National Rep, he's glad GPUS platform amendments started getting discussed; wants GPMI input

Fred V replies that Lou N was quite a tech guru himself

Richard W reminds us to keep perspective – he joined party in 1991, left in 1995, but came back later . . . quite a bit of growth

Carolyn D supports Doug C, Rev. P; what we need is the old T-shirt that listed Greens with a check at top of list, Ds & Rs at bottom
of PPMI advertising that Bernero is the only pro-choice candidate for governor(?! we haven't had our convention yet!)

10:45am - 11:00am Adoption of Agenda/Rules of the Convention

11:00am - 11:15am Credentials Report/Treasurer's Report

after jalp introduces/explains the interplay between these two . . .

proposal to accept credentials of everybody in the room with a numbered folder (GPMI member)

except 2 who say they're just observing (1 from Ohio)

TWINKLE

discussion moves on to convention rules

Carolyn D raises a concern about mentioning **Rev.** Pinkney . . . don't GPUS and GPMI believe in separating church & state?

he's not that way on the ballot, all agree . . . eventually, concern removed, consensus on rules

treasurer's report? later – Lou N's busy checking in some more people

[5-minute break]

11:15am - 11:30am Election Coordinator's Report/County Caucus Requests

mostly covered by jalp during self-introductions:

he himself is going to follow Ben Franklin's wisdom and stand for something – to show the people we won't just fall for anything!
nudzhes everyone to stand if not run

[later also mentions the two statewide ballot proposals: constitutional convention and “Felonious Politician Ban”]

here's where we stuck the "political discussions" Dianne F had asked for/about into the agenda

Fred V relates the process to the drafting of a PR statement tonight by a committee based on what's discussed here he divides the scope into three parts, to spend 10 minutes gathering ideas on each – economy, environment, and everything else after the discussion, Fred V wants a committee of 3 to work on the statement – and gets 4 volunteers:

Luanne K

Dianne F

Erik S

Latham Redding (a neighbor of Fred's and a new member)

[note also that Erik S is taping short bits of video with candidates for possible posting on YouTube . . . and of Rina Miller of Michigan Radio will be calling 10:20am or so tomorrow to talk with some of us]

another semi-scheduled activity: Aaron Bailey, D candidate in State Senate/District 13, wants to appeal to us to

(a) not run anyone in that district; and

(b) endorse or at least help him

this race was very tight last time (in 2006):

John Pappageorge narrowly beat Andy Levin, who was too establishment D to reach out to Greens – Bailey is reaching from Pontiac originally; former Army Ranger (for same reason as he's a progressive – someone has to protect the little guy)

was in Afghanistan in 2007; maybe the biggest mistake this country has ever made

also a businessman – worked in Detroit office of McKinsey consulting firm

other issue positions: pro-choice, pro-environment, pro-IRV

Karen S asked if he'd support any of our candidates in his literature; he said he isn't supporting anyone but himself in his literature

11:30am - 12:30pm Nominations for Offices

Governor/Lt Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,
US Congress, Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives,
and all other state and local offices which are the province of the convention

deferred until after . . .

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch and County Caucuses (no caucuses requested or needed)

after lunch, and before we get into nominations, two more appeals – one from David Palmer:

he's been a Green for years before coming to Michigan

but he's qualified as an independent candidates in the State House/District 054 race because he thinks he can do better that way

he's pro-Constitutional Convention (as he thinks most of us are/will be)

the other from Erik Shelley:

he ran in CD/11 race in 2008 – against McCotter . . .

but this time he wants to ask us not only not to run anyone, but to endorse the Democrat, Natalie Mosher

has lots of endorsements (from lots of D caucuses – but also from people like NOW and Clean Water Action)

and supports HR 808, Kucinich's bill to establish a Department of Peace (same bill # in this Congress as in the last one)

thinks that if we helped her win in that close district, she might then depend on us for her continued stay in that seat

< jalp should have mentioned redistricting is coming up – but that doesn't mean the districts will definitely change >

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Fred V goes down a list roughly in ballot order, asks for nominations and acceptances (at least tentative ones)

governor / lieutenant governor: Lloyd C nominates Harley Mikkelson

Harley would consider it – if a running mate could be found (on either end); otherwise, he'll run for something else

secretary of state: Richard W nominates John Anthony La Pietra; jalp is willing to consider standing for it, but wants it put on hold partly because one of the GOP contenders is the same county clerk he ran against in 2008 – might look odd

partly because he wants to hear what his fellow Greens think would be the best place for him to stand

he asks Pat F if he called Jan Ben-Dor of MERA and asked her if she'd run; Pat F had called her, but she won't run

AG: Pat F nominates “the distinguished gentleman from Charlevoix”; Ellis B willing to be considered for it for the next 5 minutes

State Board of Education: [___] nominates Latham Redding
 [___] nominates Mary Wood

U-M Board of Regents: < nobody yet >

MSU Board of Trustees: < nobody yet >

Wayne State Bd of Govs: [Fred V?] nominates Margaret Guttshall
 < nobody yet for the second slot >
 jalp notes that one of the two SPMI candidates expected to come and ask for GPMI nomination too
 was nominated by SPMI for WSU Board of Governors; there’s one more SPMI candidate who
 wants a dual nomination, but he’s not sure which board that other one’s running for

US House/District 01: Luanne K nominates Ellis Boal

US House/District 02: < nobody yet >

US House/District 03: jalp nominates Charlie Shick

US House/District 04: < nobody yet >

US House/District 05: Lloyd C nominates Matt De Heus

US House/District 06: Richard K nominates Pat Foster
 had been thinking of running for State House/District 088 – but his reason for running is
 to appear on the ballot with/above the Allegan Co Greens’ 4 County Commission candidates
 State House/District 088 misses two townships in Allegan Co and parts of some of those districts
 US House/District 06 covers the whole of Allegan Co and more
 Candace C asks if Pat F is pro-choice; he is; OK

US House/District 07: jalp nominates Richard Wunsch

US House/District 08: < nobody yet >

US House/District 09: Richard K nominates Doug Campbell
 health issues mean he can’t be as active as in previous campaigns, but he accepts

US House/District 10: Des Collins nominates Candace Caveny

US House/District 11: [see Erik Shelley appeal above; deferred for a moment]

US House/District 12: Richard K nominates Julia Williams

US House/District 13: Fred V nominates George Corsetti

US House/District 14: < nobody yet >

US House/District 15: < nobody yet >

going back to discuss 11th District race:

Luanne K didn’t get a very progressive impression from meeting NMosher – did Erik S have good info on progressive views?
 Doug C thinks if we don’t have a candidate for that district, discussion is moot (but there is secondary question of endorsing)
 Richard K has a blocking concern about endorsing any D – some discussion, nobody raises an argument to alleviate the concern
 [___] asks: have we ever endorsed a D in the past?
 Fred V remembers endorsing a D running for State Supreme Court; jalp notes that’s nominally non-partisan
 Karen S asked Erik same Q she asked Aaron Bailey about endorsing Greens;
 says he said he thought she would, but he hadn’t asked her yet
 Derek G joined GPMI to build GPMI, doesn’t believe we can trust Ds
 Erik S says this is two Qs: does GPMI want to run a candidate? if not, then would we want to endorse NMosher?
 Richard K can’t be here tomorrow, wants this decided now; Fred V says we have decided – at least not to endorse
 some gap-filling:
 Fred V nominates Linda Manning Myatt for lieutenant governor; she’ll do it if she only has to stand, not run
 Lynn M has called Libby Hunter, and nominates her for U-M Board of Regents
 Candace C nominates Surjit Dulai for MSU Board of Governors
 any other concerns to block accepting nomination of all these candidates?
 jalp unsure whether one of the SPMI candidates wanted a dual GPMI nomination for St Bd of Ed – if so, then conflict
 with David P’s help, he checks – other candidate is for U-M Board of Regents, so no conflict
 Ellis B’s 5 minutes are up; he declines AG nomination (but doesn’t decline the US House/District 01 nomination)
 Doug C raises a blocking concern about running 1 vs 2 candidates in education-board; what about “plunking”?
 jalp explains a straight-party Green ballot wouldn’t give 1 candidate for (e.g. State Bd of Ed) 2 votes;
 advantage of “plunking” is that all support GPMI would get in a 2-seat race would be concentrated in our 1 candidate
 Candace C: with only 1 candidate in a 2-seat race, Greens can get attention as test case in county clerk’s test of tabulators
 Doug C withdraws that blocking concern

jalp says another reason he wants to hold off being nominated yet for SOS
is that he also wondered about standing for State House/District 063 to raise indigent-defendant system, etc as issues
what he really wants is to hear what his fellow Greens would prefer that he stand for
consensus? ***TWINKLE***

next set of offices/nominations – State Legislature

[] nominates Fred Vitale for State House/District 003

[] nominates Derek Grigsby for State House/District 007

[] <Karen S?> nominates Franklin D. R. Harden for State House/District 035 . . .

Karen S said he told her he'd be here . . . but he's not – so **deferred**

[] nominates Richard Kuszmar for State Senate/District 09; he'll do it if someone files the paperwork for him

Karen Shelley nominates herself for State Senate/District 14

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

next set of offices/nominations – all other offices/levels

Fred V, jalp mention Allegan County Greens caucus nominated 4 candidates for County Board of Commissioners

Lou N nominates Dianne Feeley for Wayne County Commission/District 05

Dianne F nominates Lou Novak for Wayne County Commission/District 06

Fred V nominates Yusef Shakur for Wayne County Commission/District 04

Tom Mair nominates himself[?] for Grand Traverse County Commission/District 07

asked if he wouldn't like to run for higher office – lieutenant governor, for instance, or the R-only State House/District 104

answers that he got almost 40% in this same race in 2008, might even win this time – all he needs is 2,300 to 3,000 votes

and, if he does well in this run, maybe next time he'll try for something bigger – the State House seat might be possible

he is willing to represent the party in events up that way – has contacts with the nearby tribal councils, etc

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

any more nominations for now?

Lynn Meadows notes that William Allgeyer asked to be nominated to State House/District 013 if nobody else wanted it

jalp doesn't have his PC here, so he also doesn't have the info he found in old lists about Mr. Allgeyer

hold this nomination for tomorrow

jalp mentions the two SPMI candidates expected to come and ask for dual GPMI nominations:

Diana Demers for U-M Board of Regents

John Albardi? [James Arnoldi] for Wayne State University Board of Governors

they're not here, and nobody here knows them, so we'll hold these for tomorrow as well

jalp's choice of which office to stand for is likewise deferred until tomorrow

1:30pm - 2:30pm Candidates' Fish Bowl -- Michigan In Crisis: Green Party Candidates on solutions

Fred V organizes this practice session

3 candidates at a given level, one for each of the issue areas from before (economics, environment, and everything else)

plus a moderator asking questions for them to answer

three rounds – state, federal, and local-level candidates

1:30pm - 3:30pm Caucuses and Conclusion of Nominations for Offices for Saturday

<* skipped *>

3:30pm - 3:45pm Break

[15-minute break]

after the break . . .

Get paperwork together and any other business

paperwork: being done in back corner of room (Linda M notarizing everyone's Affidavits of Identity but her own; etc, etc)

other business: going through some of the major issues identified earlier on and deciding what we can say/do about them

Rev. P talks about the August 10 rally in Benton Harbor; proposal that GPMI support it . . . consensus? ***TWINKLE***

Michigan's oil spill: GPMI calls for cleaning it up, prosecuting those responsible, and doing what's necessary to prevent future spills
"it will happen again unless we move to a sustainable energy economy" . . . agreement, but no formal consensus[?]

Arizona immigration law went into effect July 29:

GPMI opposes it – and similar bills being proposed in Michigan (HB 6256, sponsor Meltzer; SB 1388, sponsor McManus)

GPMI also supports moving next year's Major League Baseball All-Star Game away from Phoenix if that law's still in effect

Asian carp situation: GPMI says put protecting the irreplaceable Great Lakes ahead of changing from one shipping path to another

Richard W wants to hear treasurer's report; candidates may want to ask party for funds . . . Lou N says it'll have to wait until tomorrow

Dianne F mentions 2 other rallies where a Green presence would be good:

August 27 in Detroit – PUSH and UAW to rally on "Jobs, Justice, and Peace"; October 7 in DC – NAACP and AFL-CIO

Luanne K (who wasn't here when the Benton Harbor rally was talked about) asks if Rev. P is still here

he apparently left the room, at least, after that issue was discussed; she wanted to raise this issue while he was still here, but . . .

she has serious concerns about him taking more credit than he's due for the park-fight portion of the Benton Harbor situation
he's not the leader of that fight –

she names the 7 plaintiffs in the Federal lawsuit, 2 others in original case, attys Terry Lodge (MCWC) + Scott Howard, . . .

Whirlpool is a huge corporation doing a lot of things, and Rev. P has been involved in many battles, but he's not the leader on this

Richard K asks why she opposes the demo – because he's taking credit? wouldn't a demo be a good thing?

Richard W notes 2 important people she's named – Terry Lodge and Lee Anna Locey

from talking with Dorothy P over lunch, and discussions of Dennis Knowles and Juanita Henry, he tends to believe Luanne

Candace C heard rumblings of this a few weeks ago . . .

she met Rev. P at the SMM in a union hall in Grand Rapids (note: Feb 2006 at the Kent-Ionia Union Hall in GR)

at least by then, he was involved in the park issue

[Luanne K? or more Candace C?] he's not Jean Klock Park

Pat F said Rev. P told him Dennis and Juanita had sold out to Whirlpool – "oh, they're still opposing things, but" [it's a set-up]

Pat doesn't believe that – he thinks Rev. P may be focused primarily on things that affect and involve him

Dianne F believes we have to deal with this – maybe we have to be mediators

adds that different people can be involved in things at different levels

Lynn M notes that, for us, Rev. P has been the face of the struggle (and we need everybody to [do what they can to help on this?])

Richard K is troubled by our discussing this while Rev. P's not here; feels like no due process

Derek G asks, didn't we already endorse the event? Luanne K was out of the room while that happened

Margaret G says wants Luanne K wants is for GPMI to revoke its endorsement

Candace C mentions that there are many more issues in Benton Harbor besides Jean Klock Park

Luanne K says that the other people involved with protecting the park aren't involved in this rally

Dianne F wants to move forward on her proposal, but Fred V decides that Luanne K's request was on the floor first

he says no chance for consensus, because of the nature of that proposal, so he goes right to a vote:

on whether to leave the decision as it is: Fred V rules no need for a precise count; jalp's quick visual estimate

yes 12-14

no 2

abstaining 5

now on to Dianne F's proposal (seconded by Ellis B): no blocking concerns; ***TWINKLE***

volunteers/suggested to be mediators: Ellis B, Lou N, Latham R

jalp asks if GPMI can also participate in any events with the other park supporters

Luanne K suggests coming to court hearings – and she can pass on more word about them to GPMI in future

[5:00] adjourned for the day

Sunday, August 1 . . . 10am-3pm

10:00am - 10:30am Review previous day's work . . . [10:23am]

Lou N opens the meeting, intros all around again . . . Fred V on the phone with the media

David McMahon wants nomination for township trustee in Washtenaw Co (and/or school board)

Lloyd Clarke may run for Congress somewhere

jalp still soliciting input

Lou N has jalp read out the nominees so far

before going on to "any new nominations?", Lou N takes us back to semi-unfinished business:

Erik S's proposal to not run someone for US House/District 11 . . . he goes back over that

Margaret G asks is she for bringing all US troops home now? yes . . . he interviewed her on camera, reads a statement

jalp mentions redistricting . . . and remembers that Fred V told Richard K endorsement was decided yesterday

Fred V explains what he saw as the process

Lynn M feels strongly that she's working for the Greens because Ds have abandoned progressive agenda

they get/spend too much money, they have to do favors

she may vote for some Ds, but would object to party endorsing

Lloyd C considering 11th District as a race to enter, so he wants to hear more from Erik S about her positions

he's also concerned about aid to Israel, gay marriage, and other issues

Lou N suggests collecting Qs John C says maybe better to let Erik S address each by each; Erik S tends to the latter

on Israel, as in Afghanistan, Mosher is 90% with us – maybe not all \$\$ out immediately, but . . .

as to gay marriage, I'm sure she's in favor of everyone

endorsed by Ds' LGBT caucus, someone in her own family was transgender & committed suicide

one of biggest reasons we may want to support her is strong environmental positions – cf endorsed by Clean Water Action

Linda M might vote to endorse a D if the D was running on a platform of IRV

Art M will raise Richard K's blocking concern since he isn't here

his feeling: he's not a "progressive" – as far as he sees, progressives are swayed by 1-2 top issues & will overlook all else
individuals can endorse who they want, but . . .

Priscilla D doesn't have any Qs about the candidate, trusts Erik S that she's got good views

but she's not like Cynthia McKinney – Cynthia McKinney denounced the Ds and that's why we endorsed/nominated her

Erik S understands, but wouldn't expect a D running as a D to denounce the Ds

Candace C wants to discuss our experience with Conyers & Kucinich on "Medicare for All" (they signed letter against own bill)

might endorse a D who's already been elected and has voted our way every single time – no pullbacks about money, etc

better to write in your own name than vote for someone else

Harley M hates litmus tests for candidates, but he does have them – and out of Iraq/Afghanistan & no \$\$ for Israel now are it

Margaret G thinks what Erik S is doing is worthwhile, & it's important that we can talk about it

her criterion is "Bring all US troops home now!"

Fred V apologizes to the body if people feel this wasn't kosher – he's just trying to build relationships

he's not in favor of this endorsement . . . but he thinks we need to change how we feel about relationships

Georgia Greens worked for McKinney while she was a D – that's a big part of how that relationship developed

if we're not willing to think about things and make changes

John C says we have two positions we may give over to Socialists

some Ds may be good and we should consider working with them

2000 & 2004 conventions showed we didn't necessarily expect 100% conformity to platform from our own candidates

Erik S's closing comments – appreciates this conversation; that's why he came back today

now that he's heard our concerns, he can go back and tell the Ds he's working with

after Lou N and Fred V check, Erik S withdraws his motion

now back to the nominating process

David McMahon wants to run for Augusta Township Trustee in Washtenaw Co

Lloyd Clarke wants to help build the party, and would like to be put on the ballot for US House/District 02

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

more opportunities later; now a 5-minute break

10:30am - 12:30pm Campaign 2010

Program – what do candidates have in common? what are the differences?

Strategy – who do we target? why?

Media – develop contacts, print and Internet

Fundraising – plans

round-the-table discussion

Lloyd C again touts enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work . . . questionnaires, group forums, local-paper interviews, etc but you have to go to them; they won't necessarily call you

Candace C says don't assume they won't contact you, though – but be sure to answer everything (you may be the only one)

back to Harley M – if he's running for governor, it's important for the state govt that Congressional delegation brings \$\$ back home one way to do that is to spend less on the wars – neither they nor aid to Israel can/will make us safer

when we bring our troops home from Middle East, Korea, etc, those countries will make peace

then we can spend more money on education for our children – we need to educate our people better to get good jobs here supporting schools (from age 3 onward) – and libraries, too

Matt de H – to some degree, he entered this because he's more interested in a political movement than a particular race

hopes to catch people's attention and change their behavior in some way because of the issues/etc we bring to their attention would take a little different approach on publicity . . . started off as a writer & critic

one thing about our region/district is the blight caused by stupid signs

cf a very heated judicial race – \$160k spent on signs by 5 candidates – also some businesses routinely use “street warts” if he put one up, it might just say “Vote Green”

or maintain properties not being maintained and have signs saying “maintained by the Green Party”

when we come to these meetings, often we're talking about young people – but we don't have to focus only on that

we need to remember the large demographic of older people who were made promises that have been broken

aside from that, he's going to run on real experience, actual acts of service, etc

to his 4 Es – energy, employment, education, and environment – he'd add experience (he's had jobs in those areas)

and tell the truth . . . and remember everyone's affected by our issues, it's just that they may not realize it

Chuck L is the Webmaster – his work's been going on in the background (thanx to Lou N for turning him on to Druple)

our Website needs to be more dynamic than it has been (anyone can add content, keep track of e-mails in, etc) . . .

Aimee S sorry she & Chuck L missed yesterday

seems the mood is a lot different from the last time she tabled – many are disillusioned about Obama

so many people are looking elsewhere AND why Shrub won in 2000 isn't the biggest issue any more

wants to honor the commitment of the people in this room . . .

Art M says Harley M mentioned bringing money back to Michigan – keeping it here is also important

if we have a coal-fired electrical plant, that sends money out of MI for every load of coal

we have good wind potential – if we do that instead, that brings money into MI (**and** helps the environment)

and again, every single level of government in Michigan could stand an energy audit (so improvements can be made)

Linda M thinks GPMI would be better served by a Lt gov candidate who's way less cynical and more hopeful than she is

the key in that race is always raising oney, and we don't seem to be very good at that

she'd still like to see carbon fee-and-dividend in US or in MI

more support for schools, don't send MI National Guard out, etc

jalp . . . [mostly on working together better]

Lou N remembers we have in the past picked key issues for a particular campaign – cf slogan “Peace, Jobs, and Justice”

maybe we can come up with 3-5 issues/areas

maybe go beyond Elections list to some meetings, campaign schools, etc

we have to be our own media – thanx to jalp for advisory (led to Fred V intvu with Michigan Radio), Erik S for video

maybe one of the first new applications under Druple can be a fundraising letter

Priscilla D would second the suggestions of co-operation, etc

and using the expertise within our party (on video, Website, etc) – free candidates to do more purely campaigning

David McM says we need to know our real local issues . . .

govts should establish/endorse/support environmental management systems (under QS-14000) as well as energy audits

define the environmental footprint and let the public know what it is (MI preaches but doesn't practice it)

stress that we're the party of co-operation, that's why things aren't getting done

his seat would be the deciding/swing 4th vote on the Township Board

Charlie S says what's helped him a lot is a free Facebook page – brought a lot of volunteers including a video producer and the GR co-ordinator for Nader campaign

Lynn M reads a message from someone who couldn't attend – there are a lot of dissatisfied people out here . . . the more we get our faces out there, the better off we'll be . . . an opportunity to open minds wants to talk today about our next SMM – we talked about maybe doing one in St Ignace around the Labor Day bridge walk we have Green T-shirts, it'd be great to have a big presence there North Country Greens in Marquette can't organize this, but they plan a breakfast after the walk on the Mackinaw City side good opportunity for the GPMI banner or maybe a campaign school/etc later in September? (also wants people to look at the Silent Auction stuff)

Matt de H ran the breakout room at the GPUS meeting . . . there's a lot of candidate info on the GPUS site some of it requires a password to get into (but they'll give us passwords if we ask)

Erik S notes a lot of talk about having money to get our message out – that is a problem but there is a chance to work smarter and apply our money more effectively . . . and some things cost no money the key to all of this, from his experience, is visibility

he stood on a street corner with a painted door (his name and his Website) and his manager in a chicken suit look up city parks, festivals, farmers' markets, etc – even just stand on high-traffic street corners there's a lot of free media out there . . . Facebook, YouTube, etc, etc he got a lot of questionnaires – some people really want to know what all candidates think; it's input for their columns/blogs/etc often incumbents have no reason to show up for a debate – but you can gather all the others for a debate with an empty chair interviews, letters to editors/op eds, community TV, etc of course, you need well-crafted positions . . . because they work

McCotter's evil, but seeing him at work is impressive – he can take any question & steer it into 10 prepared script answers

Margaret G agrees that Obamamania is over – but, as one of the white 15% of Detroit, she's not sure what will come after USSF in terms of slogans, she suggests "Money for the Poor and Oppressed[/for Jobs/for ____], Not for War" she still wants a beautiful woman to head our slate – Aimee S . . . running a mother for governor would be great even if Aimee S just wants to stand, that's fine with Margaret G (but she's looking fwd to running openly as a disabled person)

Latham R is speaking as a guy who's never run for anything

he and his barber were talking about Obama, Detroit, and other frustrations he said he was thinking of joining Greens and running for office; barber asked, "Are you crazy?" "no, but I think you've made my mind up" . . . he grew up in Detroit, has seen what it's become

he's going to need all the help he can get, will welcomes it from the Green Party; may not win but he'll be back

Candace C also touts Mary T. Wood for her experience working on charter schools

Fred V thinks we need an interactive place for candidates and managers and all – whether Facebook or otherwise interesting that we have lots of engineers on our slate . . .

also interesting – cf NYT survey on how different races see Obama (support has dropped off for all but African-Americans) in Detroit, there's not as much visible sentiment against Obama, he feels at the USSF, we tried all sorts of things to make money – but it was hard to do in US in an honest and non-exploitative way if we're going to raise money, we need to think about how

Art M redirects to Chuck L for how to set up one secure line at one site (MIGreens, say) to cover direct donations for all campaigns lots of "server farms" around – even Druple has an e-commerce package (Ubercard) so Art M wants to propose that GPMI allocate money for Chuck L to set this up

John C asks if this is feasible, given how the site has been right now we only have one Webmaster posting HTML files . . . the set-up can be changed about a week to transfer a domain name . . . Chuck L has no experience with Ubercard, so that might take a month

jalp asks how much Chuck L estimates it would cost; consensus? ***TWINKLE***

Matt de H wants to mention one thing he saw on e-Bay . . . a candidate selling virtual stickers, signs, etc

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch

Includes Any Final Nominations

Diana Demers, for U-M Board of Regents

Matt Erard speaking for James Arnoldi for Wayne State University Board of Governors – reads a statement

discussion of how it would work and whether it's a good idea for Greens

. . . [general/common view seems to be nominate if willing to be a member, endorse if not;

Linda M concerned that it doesn't help Greens to nominate Socialists . . . blocking concern]

Lloyd C wants to take the votes one at a time – and he wishes James Arnoldi were here to speak and answer for himself

Matt de H has a concern to voice – possibly with a little heresy

because of the nature of these positions, there is some randomness that happens this far down the ballot

if we have two candidates, that could split our whimsical votes and miss out on 1%

Margaret G wants them to remove the concerns so we can build a movement together

concerns not resolved, so we vote on each separately

on Diana Demers for U-M Bd of Regents

yes 16

no 2

abstain 3 2/3 of votes cast (and of votes cast Y or N), so approved

on James Arnoldi for WSU Bd of Governors

yes 12

no 5

abstain 4 2/3 of votes cast Y or N, so approved

Art M notes Franklin Harden is here – . . .

Conclusions

Next State Membership Meeting

Other Green Party concerns

GPMI should make its opinions known

is opposed to Detroit schools takeover

is opposed to the K'zoo River spill

immigration reform – no copycat laws, move the MLB All-Star Game from Phoenix

stop water/electricity shut-offs (17 deaths last winter)

GPUS national platform

re USSF/PMA calendar [. .]

condolences to C McKinney on her father's passing

Art M raises issue of problems getting Linda M notarized

Aimee S suggests maybe Lynn M could stand (as Linda M was going to)

she reluctantly agrees

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

Aimee S isn't sure how great standing is – but is willing to give people the option to vote Green

so she's gotten an OK from her husband

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

and do we need to confirm her as SCC Whip?

well, let's do it in case we need to do it

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

now on to the topic of the next SMM

Fred V asks if we can have a 3-person committee look into that

Lou N says if North Country local can't host, maybe better to split Bridge Walk from next SMM

Linda M says if we want to have a campaign school, she's heard Brent McMillan has done some good ones and he's leaving the GPUS office in 2011

Lynn M asks if HVG can organize a meeting October 2? (to go along with Lloyd C's idea on accompanying DC jobs rally) an SMM with a campaign-school/-workshop component

Lou N still thinks we may want to separate and do

2nd wknd in September? Dally in the Alley then, but maybe if Sunday rather than Saturday

Fred V tries to assemble sense of meeting – a campaign school/workshop as soon as practical tying in with jobs rally, etc?

Harley M says it's almost too late to hold one now – maybe better to organize a rally with as many candidates as possible we have 3-4 people at least interested; Linda M will check when Brent McMillan is available

jalp says maybe training in the morning could lead into an event in the afternoon

Matt E asks jalp if all candidate-nomination paperwork

Matt de H asks for a treasurer's report

Lou N says about \$751.73 in admin account; \$7,414 (roughly) in political account not allowing for outstanding bills for this meeting (or revenue from it)

and at the last SMM we budgeted \$1,000 for GPMI and Detroit Greens to host meetings at USSF/GPUS ANM they spent \$400 of that

now, who wants to propose spending some of it?

Art M moves for an election-special/candidates' edition of *Green Light*

jalp asks for \$300 for Tom M in matching funds

Lou N proposes . . . amendments . . .

as amended, up to \$300 in matching funds for any candidate who asks for it consensus? ***TWINKLE***

now, do we verify? sense of the body is that we're working on trust

Matt E thinks good idea for candidates to let GPMI know generally what for

Lloyd C wonders if it's too expensive; Lou N says we've had thousands thinks we need to sp

Chuck L has estimate for Website cost: \$400-\$800 depending on quality of security certificate

Lou N proposes to allocate up to \$1,000 (may split between admin and political)

jalp asks for input one more time – everyone says stand for Secretary of State (over State House/063)

so he says okay

consensus? ***TWINKLE***

[2:55pm] what else to do? go home!
