

**May 2003 SMM (Host: Elect Richard Wunsch)**

The Blue Stage Club \* 398 W. Brooklyn Road (M-50) \* Napoleon, Michigan \* 517-536-0007

Announcements – organic food, Fair Trade coffee for breakfast

**Marc:** if you pay money for any items, write down your info

(now we're an FEC-recognized party, they want to know where every penny goes)

Marc offers basic treasurer's report; more spending than usual, so we need people to raise funds

He's also the media contact, been fielding contacts for Richard's campaign and/or MCWC suit about every other day

(So we seem to be penetrating the media consciousness)

another sign we've arrived: we've been in touch with a lot of progressive groups re: the war

They're contacting us with the idea that we have something to contribute to the public dialogue

It'll get more intense as 2004 election comes closer

Marc & DSpitzley ventured to Dean campaign – they seem to be interested in same old tactics, same old voters

We're interested in involving **everyone** in the political process

9:00 – 9:30 am **Officers' Reports & Discussions; SCC Reports** [9:19]

Patti Smith (meeting manager)

me on report – noted error with Dave Palmer, my "agenda"

Lynn Meadows – need help with database

Pete S – three candidates now running as Green (Richard & two Ferndale school-board candidates)

9:30 – 10:30 am **Officer Elections** [9:33]

Linda Myatt needs state approval to be on national Green Pages editorial board

Pete S notes three slots for International Committee – Alan K, Pete now; one unfilled . . .

Pete would step down if someone runs

Craig asks that incumbents say what they've been doing

Marc – we have a chair because state law says we gotta; what he actually does is fill in the gaps  
contact with other groups, media, etc.

We've never really defined the position – lots of things he's been doing since before we had a chair  
be the public face of the party whenever and wherever possible

[Art Myatt notes 2 hours of e-mail a day; Marc says 2-4 hours]

[Matt Abel asks isn't there some leading that the chair does? yeah, Marc says; e.g., he manages SCC list]

[Kurt W – given you're spending 2(-4) hrs a day, would it be feasible to split up the work?

yeah, but in Marc's case it's sort of self-imposed . . . keeping contact with media, national party, etc  
not sure how it could be easily divided . . . it takes a certain amount of dedication]

[Matt Abel asks if having a party spokesperson to handle media would free chair to organize party, etc.

just getting together with Traverse people was a help – dunno that organizing would be facilitated]

[Lynn M says Locals Liaison, others do organizing; Matt meant more of a vision for the state]

[Paul F nominates Marc]

[Ted Hentchel semi-retired, has the time to help –

what's bothered him most about the Wunsch election – nobody's come down;

first he's heard of Traverse group, Ferndale candidates (or they'd have signs like Richard's)

his letter 4 months ago said somebody should do only keeping up with what's going on where  
we're fighting a guerrilla action – we fight by the rules, we lose . . .]

[Bob G – some disarray, but also some individual responsibility for posting, letting people know;

my impression is that we don't have a co-chair . . . I suggest we change that . . .

appreciate your dedication, Marc, but you need help . . .]

[Marc notes we are faced with the limits of an all-volunteer organization . . .

doesn't think it's that dire, but wouldn't object to co-chair if people want it]

[Ken M – discussion about what officers should/shouldn't do is for By-Laws Cmte; today, we're electing]

[Matt Abel – let's have current officers come forward, and see if anyone else wants to run]

[Lou N – what we can do today is step up to fill one of these positions that people hold more than . . .]